

Præ-Nunciū Sydereus:
AN ASTROLOGICAL
TREATISE

Of the Effects of the Great CONJUNCTION of
the two Superiour PLANETS,

Saturn & Jupiter,

October the Xth. 1663. and other Confi-
gurations concomitant.

WHEREIN

The Fate of EUROPE for these next twenty years is
(from the most rational grounds of Art) more
than probably conjectured,

AND

The Success of the present Design of the Turk against
Christendome, occasionally hinted at.

By RICHARD EDLIN, *Astrophil*.

*Aliquod dictum, quod non dictum prius.
Prius intellige, tunc increpa.*

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To the READER.

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THis Treatise so long expected (because so long promised) is at length made publick, although not without much labour and difficulty in the composition, as well by reason of the Intricacy of the Subject it self, as the various interruptions in my own Affairs. The Intricacy of the Subject will appear, if we consider that there are few or no presidents extant, or to be obtained, of any moment; that treat of this Subject, especially as to the measure of time, whereby we should know when the effects will most principally manifest themselves; However I doubt not but I have sufficiently handled the Subject in all the parts thereof, to the satisfaction of the Ingenious, or at least to encourage them to make a further disquisition; what I have done I dare presume to say is performed from most rational principles, not hitherto so copiously handled. And indeed it is not this part of Astrology alone, but there are others also, wherein we find a great deficiency in the Ancients, by reason of the insufficiency of their Astronomical Tables; so that they were even forced upon many absurdities to solve up the errors they were frequently subject to; and how observable is it even in our late Professors also (and in some now living) that (following the steps of the Ancients without due examination, or taking notice of their mistakes) have been constrained to wring and serve accidents to agree to their positions of Heaven, whether they have been congruous or proper one to another, or not! and so have wrested their time many minutes, and sometimes some hours from the truth, as I could plainly and sufficiently instance; but I forbear; This I say is frequent in some, which in Nativities (the most necessary doctrine in particular judgements) how great injury it may be to the person concerned, the judicious do very well know, and our reason may inform us. As to the interruptions, or rather interruptions, that have happened in my own Affairs (which hath also been one main cause of prolonging of time) indeed they have been many and great (Ratione solis ad Corp. Saturni & M. C. ad corp. Martis and other untoward Configurations) But it is the providence of God that (in the language of Dr. Brown, in his Relig. Med.) hath so constituted the Configurations of Heaven at my Nativity, and I am therewith content, till it be his pleasure otherwise to dispose of my fate, which at present (I thank God)

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God) I am in no wise ashamed to own, since, I say, it is his providence, who for our transgressions visiteth us his pleasure (both in Mercy and Justice) to the third and fourth generation. But these I say, have been one main cause that have obstructed the publishing of this Book, which was long since intended to be published; but this is not all, there have also been many delays and hinderances, since it went from my hands, through one occasion or another; however, for what concerns myself, by reason of those enormities I have been so abundantly subject to, let me be excused, if I have been more careful of the substance and plainness of the matter it self, than the elegance of Style, or the curiosities of Slopes and Pointings, for which I must submit to the censure of the judicious.

Notable transactions have indeed been acted upon the stage of the World before the Book came forth (but not before it was permitted, as divers of my friends do very well know) but let me tell you, those accidents are not so properly the effects of the Conjunction it self, but of some concomitant Configurations preceding, as you may perceive I have mentioned in its proper place, tho' it self not manifesting its effects so suddenly to the World, so that in that respect the Book is come forth, time enough; and to what accidents have happened already (as those between Portugal and Spain, the Pope and the King of France, &c.) I dare presume to affirm without ostentation, they were timely predicted from the principles and reasons there mentioned.

Some there are that have objected, that nothing could be predicted from this Conjunction; these are such who deny any Influence at all in the Stars, especially as to mundane affairs. But these may be convinced by their own sense: for there is nothing more apparent, than that the configurations of the Celestial Powers, especially of the Superiours, do cause various and notable mutations of the Air; that the application of the Moon to the fortunate or malevolent beams of the good or bad planets, doth cause notable & apparent changes and alterations in the bodies of sick people, over whom she hath an especial influence; that by the Sun's transit through the several parts of Heaven, and his various declination to the Northward or Southward of the Equinoctial, the seasons of the year are not only divided, but all things that are produced out of the Earth, have their Vicissitudes, their Generation, Growth, and Corruption; though in different manner, in several parts of the world, and in different years, which is caused by the configurations of the other Planets, either to the Sun, or among themselves. And who should deny
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their influences in matters political & civil, as well as in natural & civil. I am many instances might be produced to the satisfaction of the most scrupulous. I desire (with Bellantius) only to have the Notion of such as are so incredulous of the celestial powers, that by Arguments taken from the experience of their own affairs, I might convince them, to avoid all other arguments that might be produced sufficient enough to the purpose.

But one, and he no mean professor (as he thinks himself) will make us believe, that little can be known of certainty from the Conjunction; First because that great Conjunction do happen but once in 794 or 795 years, and there being few or no presidents since the Creation. Ergo. Secondly, the House of Heaven cannot be obtained, in which the Conjunction happens, therefore judged impossible to know its effects; as if all depended upon the House of Heaven. But to the first, I answer, this is no such great Conjunction, that happened in the year 1603; (as in the discourse you may see at large) and this is the third Conjunction that hath happened in that Trigon, which indeed should have been the fourth in order, &c. But suppose it had been their first Conjunction, we have some general rules (though but short) to judge of great Conjunctions; nor are those presidents we have of so little use, as to be neglected; but must we have presidents of necessity for all we write or judge? then I fear this Astrologer will hardly ever be capable of judging a Nativity true while he lives; I have great reason to think, and do verily believe he never yet did, or very rarely. As for his position of Heaven, I have said as much of that in the Discourse as is self as is necessary; and certainly there are other things of more principal concernment to judge of, than the House of Heaven, which I need not stand to mention here, because sufficiently handled in the Book it self; and if we consider the great variety of judgement in respect of different Meridians and Elevations of the Pole, who is there will satisfy or encourage an Artist for the great labour it will require?

But why do I trifle time in answering one, who with much confidence and as much ignorance doth cavil at the labours of others (nay most ingratiously against those who have been his greatest support and promoters) whilst it may be made evidently appear that in all or most that ever he doth yet, he hath committed (frequently) most gross and absurd errors in his very fundamentals? and this appears not to be want of care or through oversight, but absolutely for want of judgement; and yet he must be a corrector of (or rather a caviller at) other mens labours, although

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though, as I could make it appear, he understands them not; But I shall refer my Reader to a particular Treatise shortly to come forth, wherein this boasting Ignoramus is anatomized to the full, his Absurdities, Ignorance, and gross abuse of Art particularly laid open and made known to undeceive the world.

But, to those that are courteous, this Book is commended to thy judicious censure; the subject it self is notable, and I have been careful to my power to perform what lay on my part, without playing the Plagiary, or robbing any man of his Labours; nor have I had the assistance of any, either in Calculations or Judgement; nor that I am ambitious of any Ingenuity therein, but having used an honest endeavour in the performance thereof; if thou misest with any errors or deficiency, either in the Pen or Press, let me crave (as I doubt not of) thy courteous censure, and care to correct; And as for the envious, I challenge and expect their emendation, or be silent.

Farewell. I am thine.

From my Study next door
above the four Swans in
Bishopgate-street.

R. E.

Observations Astrologicae, A Treatise of a Conjunction of Saturn and Mars, wherein are also many things of principal concernment in Astrology not frequently practised; A most Learned and Ingenious Discourse of the true visible Systeme of the World, according to Copernicus, and our late best Astronomers. The second Edition: to be sold by the Author, and at the Angel in Cornhill.

I have perused this Astronomical Dictionary of
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Dix 9 Feb. 1664.

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*15. Feb.
1664.*

W. LILLY.

*I have seriously read over this elaborate Treatise of
Mr. Edlin's, and so far approve thereof, that I
wish it were made publick, for the satisfaction of
all ingenious persons.*

*17. Feb.
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PART I. CHAP. I.

Containing some General Considerations of Natural Causes.



He Causes of all Natural Mutations (next unto God) whether as to the World in general, or more particularly as to Humane bodies, are the vertues and influences of the Celestial bodies; whereof some are termed *more*, others *lesse* principal.

The more principal causes (as they are distinguished by the Learned) are the transmutations of the *Absides* or *Aphelions* of the Planets, Great *Conjunctions* of the Superiours, new *Stars* and *Comets*; to which some have added (though as it is conceived not upon sufficient grounds) the change of the Sun's excentricity, and the obliquity of the *Ecliptique*.

Causes lesse principal, or *adjutant* Causes (as *Spinus* termes them) are *Eclipses* of the Luminaries, Lesser *Conjunctions*, Annual *Revolutions*; to which are supposed the motion of profec-tion of the great Orb, of great *Conjunctions* before the Floud, the Birth of *Christ*, *Mahomet*, &c.

All which have their variety of Effects, according to their different qualities, and the nature of the subject they operate upon;

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which (although some are scrupulous) is confirmed by the institution of the Almighty himself, *Sini & Signa*, &c. *Let them be for signes and for seasons*; And indeed, in order to the will and power of the Lord, they are but as signes of his providential will and pleasure; but as to natural Operations, they are not improperly called Causes; for *Sub Deo semper agunt*, is a true Motto; And not onely this institution of God himself, but the consent of the Learned do also confirm it; For S. Austin the Divine hath this saying, *Dei inferiora regit per Superiora*, God governeth all inferiour things by their Superiours: And the Philosopher, *Cardanus Serm. 2. Aph. 58. Dei igitur altissimi cœlum est instrumentum quo agit, impellit, regitque*; Heaven is the instrument of the most high God, by which he acteth, inforceth, and governeth all things,

Amosius in his *Medulla Theologica, lib. 2. cap. 9. de providentia Dei*, terms it *modus ordinarius*, the ordinary and usual way of Gods providence, wherein we are to consider both the antecedent and the consequent, as it is in *Hos. 2. 22. Exaudiam cœlos & ipsi exaudient terram, &c.* I will hear the Heavens (saith God) and they shall hear the Earth, and the Earth shall hear the Fruit, and the Corn, and the Oyl, and they shall hear Israel. And this order (saith he) is that Law of Nature adhibited by God himself at the Creation, *Fiat esto, fit illa*, Let it be so, and it was so. Hence the Prophet styles them, the Statutes and Ordinances of the Sun, and of the Moon, and Stars, *Jer. 31. 35, 36. ver. and chap. 33. 20.* he calls it Gods Covenant with them. And God himself asketh *Job* (chap. 38. v. 31, 32, 33.) among other interrogatories of the powers of Heaven, whether he knew the *ORDINANCES* of Heaven, or could set the dominion thereof in the Earth.

Hence then we may conclude with *Cardan. Sog. 1. Aphor. 20. Astrologia altissima scientiarum est, tum quia de celestibus, tum quia de futuris, quorum scientia non solum divina est, sed etiam utilissima*; of the Sciences, the language or influences of the Stars is the supreme, because it treateth of celestial things, as well as of things to come, the knowledge of which is not onely divine, but also profitable; a good reason is also rendered by Great *Albertus*, *Universi ordinationem nulla scientia humana perfecte attingit, scilicet scientia*

scientia judiciorum Astrologum. No humane Science doth perfectly attain the ordination of the whole Universe, so as the knowledge of the Astral influences. But I am not to dwell upon this.

Now seeing by the consent of the most learned in this Science, it is not one configuration of the Celestial powers alone, *Porrò multa necessaria ad hanc inquisitionem, &c. Rig. 53.* But there are moreover many things necessary to this disquisition; as the knowledge of former superiour configurations; the concomitancy of great Eclipses, and such like, which are to be considered in general Events: it is necessary therefore that we take some consideration of those forementioned causes of Natural Mutations, for the better amplifying the discourse of the present subject. For,

Nihil planetarum effectus, seu parvus à revolutione vel ab aliis significandis erit, quod non primum à radice habuit exordium, quare summa diligentia radices consideranda sunt. No effects of the Planets shall be, whether from revolutions (which of themselves are of little force) or from any other such like significations; which are not first founded upon some Radix, wherefore the first Radixes or Grounds of things, are with special diligence to be considered.

CHAP. II.

Of those accidents signified by the Mutation of the Aphelions of the Planets.

AND first, for the mutation of the Aphelions; That principal transactions do attend these, take the authority of *Cardanus Serm. 1. Aphor. 37. Per mutationes absidum regna & Regiones & Religiones mutant.* By the change of the Absides or Aphelions of the Planets out of one sign into another, Kingdoms, Regions, Religions, Faith, Sects and Opinions of men, are altered. So *Rigel. Aph. the 9.* and he gives this reason; If the Planet, whose

Absis it is, be ascending in these or the opposite places; he contracts vertue of the nature thereof, which vertue is most strong in the *Absis*, but depraved in the opposite place. *Grandes solent imperia causare, & rerum honoribus mutationes, transitus augium in diversa signa, & diversos terminas.* Anonym. 244. The transits of the Auges or Aphelions of the Planets in divers signs and parts of Heaven, do use to cause grand mutations in Empires, and in the glory and honour of things. And if I may add my own conjecture or opinion in this point, The Aphelions of the Planets being those parts of their Ellipses or Orbits, in which when the Planets are, they are at their greatest distance from the Sun, (their proper focus and center of motion) and where they may be said to begin and end their peculiar periods and revolutions, and consequently their apparent motions are encreased or diminished, being measured from thence, It therefore seems rational to me, that as they are varied from one point or part of Heaven to another, they should cause proportional mutations on Earth.

And if we would know where and in what nature these accidents will be, the forementioned proposition of *Lud. de Regis* informs us. *Illarum gemium quarum significator erit planeta. augis permutata*; those mutations will happen among those people, whose significator is the Planet whose Aphelion is so changed.

Mutatioque erit bonum vel malum, secundum naturam significatorum superiorum illorum temporum, & secundum naturam significatorum. And this mutation shall be to good or ill, according to the superior significator of those times, and the nature of the signification.

But since this doctrine hitherto hath not been sufficiently handled (as indeed no wonder) I must here of necessity give caution to prevent mistakes: For indeed, it must be Reason must guide us to the knowledge of the true effects; our Experience in this particular being very deficient, and that for these two reasons especially.

First, the slow motion by which it is varied; which is only 48 seconds in a year, (*ex Tabulis Carolinis* *) occasioned by the precession of the Equinox, and not from any motion that is in the

* In other Hypotheses, the motion is slower in some, though swifter in others.

the Aphelion (as the Author of the Caroline Astronomy hath judiciously prov'd) which slow motion varies but one sign in 2250 years; so that the Aphelions have not transited above two signs and a half since the creation of the World, (as we generally account it) and therefore were there no other reason, it were enough, since we should have almost no examples to verifie this doctrine.

But another argument may be taken from the unhappy mistakes of almost all *Astronomers*, especially the Ancients, whose Astronomy being founded upon a mistaken Hypothesis, might very well be deficient in the motion and places of the *Aphelions*; nor is the difference so small among the Moderns, as that we may trust to any Radix whereon to build any solid judgement; for if we believe *Spinus*, the Aphelion of *Saturn* was translated out of *Sagittary* into *Capricorn*, Anno 1630. but by the Tables either of *Kepler* and *Bullialdus*, that Aphelion is not changed till after the year 1700. almost 100 years difference; and by the accurate tables of *Astronomia Carolina*, not till the year 1818. near 100 years after that.

So likewise the Aphelion of Mars by the computation of the Authors aforesaid, should have entred *Virgo*, Anno 1650. but by the *Caroline Tables* it is not till the year 1691. where, by the way we may note, that what grand alterations or changes have been conjectured by some, to be the effects of these or such like mutations of the Aphelions, cannot be expected to happen accordingly; or if any such accidents should happen near those times, they must be the portents of other causes. These things (I say) I thought necessary to give caution of, not to be critical against those Learned Authors, whose mistakes are rather to be pitied than cavill'd at; since we are so much engaged to Antiquity for their willing endeavours.

And because it may be worth our observation, let us examine the last mutations of the *Aphelions*, that so by comparing the Times with History, we may see what notable transactions have happened in the World.

If we subtract 2250 years from the year of Christ 1818. at what time the Aphelion of *Saturn* enters *Capricorn* (that is by the *Caroline Tables*, which I rather accept of, because they are more harmon-

harmonious and demonstrative in themselves, more consecutaneous to all undoubted observation; and (though but new) yet more approved of than any other, by the most able and learned of our English Astronomers) I say, by making subtraction it brings us to the year before Christ, 432. when the *Aphelion* of *Saturn* entred *Sagittary*.

The *Aphelion* of *Jupiter* is this year 1663. (in the beginning thereof) in 8 deg. 15 min. 36 seconds of *Libra*, which is the motion or retrocession of the Equinox in 619 years, which if we subtract from this year, it brings us back to the year of Christ 1044. for its entrance into that sign. And so the *Aphelion* of *Mars* (by the same computation) entred *Leo*, Anno ante Christum, 559.

The *Apogon* of the *Sun* entred *Cancer*, (or rather the *Aphelion* of the Earth *Capricorn*) in the 1156 year of Christ.

* *Nota*. The *Aphelion* of *Venus* entred *Aquarius*, Anno Christi 1506. and of *Mercury* the 746 of Christ into *Sagittary*. * By all which it appears, there is not any mutation of any of the *Aphelions* of the primary Planets, during the effects of our present Conjunction.

If we would more particularly know the nature of these transactions, from *Saturn* we judge of Antiquities, renovation of ancient customes, of things already begun; of Sects, Schismes, Heresies, destruction and depopulation of Kingdomes and Countreys, all manner of Idolatries, Jesuitism, Monckery, all Jewish Superstitions, sordid and inhumane debauchery, ruine of Buildings and ancient Foundations, Dearth, Famine, Captivities, Shipwracks, &c.

From *Jupiter* is known the change of such things as chiefly concern the Law, Religion, and the worship of God, especially as to Church-discipline. He hath signification of the Gentry of any Kingdome or Countrey, and particularly of the Clergy and Lawyers.

From *Mars* is judged Wars, Commotions, Insurrections, Rebellions, Massacres, Persecutions, Murthers, all Martial and Military affairs; firing of Houses and Cities, Rapine, Theft, all manner of Tyranny and Oppression.

The *Sun* signifies new Monarchies, Empires, Kingdomes, which

which should continue in great Majesty, glory, and Renown,

By *Venus* we judge of Sports, Games, all manner of Pleasure and Delight, Voluptuoulnesse, Adulteries, Fornications, but great peace and plenty of all things, and a general Tranquillity she also signifies.

From *Mercury* we know the fate of Arts and Sciences, the discoveries of all ingenious Inventions and secret Devices; he signifies *Philosophers*, *Astronomers*, and such as are lovers of all curious Arts; also Merchants, Arithmetick and Accomptants.

The *Apogon* of the *Moon* (depending upon another law of motion) is more frequently changed out of one sign into another, viz. in or about nine months. It entred the sign of *Scorpio* in *June* 1662. about the 18. day (by the *Carol. Tab.*) and it enters *Sagittary* about the 17 of *March* this year 1663. and into *Capricorn* *December* following.

So that by the swiftnesse of this we may indeed have experience enough; onely we must note, that the *Moon* is but the Earths attendant, a secondary Planet, and cannot signifie any such grand transactions to the world as those of the primary Planets; yet let us observe what considerable Events may happen in those Countreys subiect to the sign *Sagittary*, during the Transit of the *Apogon* through the sign.

Astrologers say, that under *Sagittary* are *Spain*, *Portugal*, *Hungaria*, *Dalmatia*, *Slavonia*, *Arabia* the Happy, and divers other Southern Countreys, which with the dominions of the other signs over their severall Countreys and Regions, are plentifully mentioned in other Books. Thus (I say) who please, may by comparing the Histories of former times, see whether such like, or what other notable transactions have succeeded those times, for the better correction of this (hitherto) uncertain Doctrine.

CHAP. III.

Of the several Conjunctions of the Superiour Planets.

BUT there are other *principal causes* more certain (if we take them in a general sense, as to time) and those are the several *Conjunctions* of the superiour Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, who are the most ponderous Planets, and slow of motion, and therefore called the Superiours, as well as by reason of their remote distance from the *Sun*, who is their center. And of these is the present subject of our discourse in particular, together with a consideration of other causes in general.

But of these Conjunctions there are three kinds, as by the Learned they have been distinguished; and they are *Great*, *Mean*, and *Lesser Conjunctions*; and these (I say) are to be understood of the two superiours themselves, not of those Lesser Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* with *Mars*; of which more by and by.

The *Greatest* or *Great Conjunctions* are those after a full period and revolution of the whole Circle, *viz.* when *Saturn* and *Jupiter* have made their several conjunctions in the several triplicities, and do again begin to conjoyn in the *first triplicity* (which is also called the *Fiery* and *Regal Triangularity*) and this is a period of 794 years and some odd dayes.

Mean Conjunctions are those which are made, or do happen after the leaving of one, and conjoyning in another subsequent Triplicity, as from *Aries*, *Leo*, *Sagittary*, which is the first; into *Taurus*, *Virgo*, or *Capricorn*, which is the second; and so successively into *Gemini*, *Libra*, *Aquarius*, which is the third; and lastly into *Cancer*, *Scorpio*, and *Pisces*, which is the fourth and last Triplicity or Triangularity. And this is a period of neer 200 yeares, or more particularly in 199 yeares and some odd dayes.

Lesser, or the *least Conjunctions* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, are those which happen (after the entring of any one Triplicity) in signs
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of the same Triplicity, and these do happen once in or about 20 years; so that by making ten Conjunctions in one and the same Triangularity, it doth appear they are neer 200 years ere they remove out of one, and enter by conjunction into another Triplicity; and consequently neer 800 years ere they perform these conjunctiōnal Revolutions of the *four* Triplicities of the whole Circle.

And here note, that the true distance of any of these (whether *Great, Mean, or Lesser*) Conjunctions, cannot be obtained without careful calculation, and that from the best Theories (by reason of the great discrepancy among themselves, as hereafter will appear.) For if we take the distances of time between one Conjunction and another, since their last return into the *Fiery Trigon*, the variety will appear too great to be confided in, whereby any certain rule can be made without calculation. For, from the 7. of *December* Anno 1603. the time of the first, to the 7. of *July* Anno 1623. the time of the second, are 19 years 212 days; and from thence to the 18. of *Feb.* 1643. the time of the third Conjunction, are 19 years 224 days; thence to the year 1663, *October* the 10. the time of a fourth Conjunction (and that which is now the principal subject here intended) is 20 years 236 days; and from thence to the next Conjunction in *October* Anno 1682. but 19 years just; yet there are two more Conjunctions not long after in the same sign, the one in *January* following, (which is a retrograde Conjunction) the other in *May*, Anno 1683, (a most wonderful congression) of which I have nothing to say here.

If you would have the Authority of the Learned, for the several distinctions before mentioned; I must refer you to *Mr. Lilly's Propheical Merlin*, where this particular is principally handled, from the Precepts of *Cardanus, Nashe, Origenes*, and divers others; I shall only from him quote you the authority of one, and that is *Avenarius*, pag. 96. *Met. Proph. Coniunctio autem magna fortis est cum Saturno, in signo Arietis, quod est, quia sunt stelle graves, & tarda; & non significant super particularia, imo super communia. & quia signum Arietis est signum primum inter signa, ergo hac coniunctio vocatur magna, sed quando vadunt a Triplicitate ad triplicitatem, tunc vocatur media; coniunctio vero ipsorum de 20*

in 20 Annos in signis triplicitatis quacunque sit, illa vocata conjunctio minor. That is, the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter is called *great*, when it happens in *Aries*, because they are ponderous Stars, and of slow motion, and signifie not common or particular things: And because *Aries* is the first among the signs, therefore this Conjunction is called *great*; but when they go from one Triplicity to another, it is called *mean*; but those Conjunctions that are made in signs of the same Trigon every 20 years, in what Triplicity or Sign soever, that Conjunction is called *lesser*, or the *least*.

This is the same in effect with what was before premised, only the Author calls that only a *Great Conjunction*, which happens in the Sign *Aries*, which is the First Sign of the *Zodiack*, and of the *Fiery* and *Regal Triplicity*. And indeed, all the Masters of this *Science* do agree in this (as you may see in the forementioned discourse of Mr. Lilly's *via*. That those Conjunctions only are called *Great*, which are first made in the *Fiery Triplicity*, and especially in *Aries*; which Conjunction, if at any time it should happen to be (as Mr. Lilly there terms it) might properly be called *Maxima*, or the *Greatest Conjunction*; for, not only is that Sign the first of the *Zodiack*, as was said but now, but also the virtues signified, or operating from such a Conjunction, must needs be more universal, by reason it happens so neer the *Equator*, whilst those that happen in *Leo* have more respect to the North; those in *Sagittary* to the Southern parts of the World; because their declination is such from the said *Equator*.

But all the Conjunctions of these Planets, at their entrance into the *Fiery Trigon*, since the Creation of the World, have been in *Sagittary*, as by calculation will appear, and as I shall afterwards manifest, and never any in *Aries*. What the will of the *Almighty* herein is, we may not inquire; but certainly there is some *Arcanum* therein. From *Jupiter* (whose prerogative this Sign is) we naturally judge of *Religion* & holy Worship (which is our Allegiance towards *God*) and of Justice, Tranquillity, Peace, and Charity, which should be among men: What shall we say? but that *God*, and *Nature* (which is his Instrument) have condescended to teach us our Duty here, and intend no less than our Eternal Happiness hereafter, if we were not perverse and obstinate;

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Per visibilia invisibilia cernuntur, &c. Rom. i. 16. But I digresse.

That most eminent transactions have succeeded these Conjunctions in general, but more especially these Revolutiōnal periods, the Observations of the Judicious in all Ages, and the various Experiments of former times are sufficient testimonies.

Conjunctiones Saturni & Jovis res mutant & convertunt; The Conjunctions of Saturn and Jupiter do convert and change things, *Almans. propos. 127.*

Divisa sunt generationes hominum per conjunctiones superiorum majores, medias, & minores; The generations of men are divided by the Great, Mean, and Lesser Conjunctions of the Superiours. *Ludov. de Reg. Aph. 31.*

Many Authors more might be quoted for the verification hereof, but let these suffice, and let us examine preceding times, and see what accidents have succeeded those grand Revolutions of the Superiours.

The first Conjunction of these Planets in the Fiery Triplicity was *Anno Ante Christum*, or before Christ 3958. but of the Julian period 755. in the beginning of February (*Stilo Jul.*) in the 8th. deg. of this very Sign *Sagittary*. This was not many years after the Creation of the World, as it is most generally received.

The second was in the year of the Julian Period 1549. and 3164 years before Christ, in the beginning of November, that is 794 years 8 moneths distance. And this restitution was in the 5. degree of the same Sign *Sagittary*, and happened, without doubt, in the days of *Enoch* and *Methuselah*.

The third Entrance, (but second Restitution of this *Trigon*) was *Anno J. P.* 2343. 2370 years before Christ, about the latter end of Decemb. in the 8. degree of *Sagittary*: The distance between these two returns is 794 years, and almost two moneths. The Universal Deluge, or *Noah's Flood*, happened not many years after this Restitution; for certain it was during the Conjunction of the Superiours in the Fiery (or First) Triplicity.

Anno 1575 before Christ, but of the Julian Period 3138. there happened three Conjunctions in this *Trigon*. The first was about the 12 of March, in 9. degr. of *Sagittary*; the se-

cond was a retrograde Conjunction, and happened about the 20. of May, in the 18 degree of *Sagittary*; and the third and last was about the 26. of September, in 4. degr. of the same Sign.

The fourth Return, but the fifth time they entered this *Trigon* was 781 years before Christ, of the Julian Period 3932, about the beginning of December, in the 23 degree of *Sagittary*.

The fifth Restitution was *Anno Christi* 15. about the beginning of December also, in the 12 degree of the same Sign.

The sixth was in 809 year of Christ, about the 20. of *Octob.* in the 6 deg. of *Sagittary*.

The seventh and the last Return was in the year 1603, December the 7. in the 8 degree of *Sagittary*. And this is that under whose influence we now are; which being considered by *Leonius* some years before, caused him to say, *Cum ergo nunc novus Trigonus impendat qui ignem est*, &c. Seeing now therefore there is a new *Trigon* at hand, which is the *Fiery*, without doubt new Ages will follow, which will produce rash and violent Mutations in the World.

There were many eminent Mutations (saith Mr. *Lilly*) over all *Europe* in this change of the Planets into the beginning of the *Fiery Triplicity*; We are now in this Age (and so must some Ages succeeding be) under the dominion hereof, and therefore it is no wonder to see and hear every moment of so great alterations in the Kingdoms and Common-wealths of *Europe*; Ever and anon we must expect such sudden changes in these our times, as no Age can parallel; and these sharp and bitter contentions are assuredly to have their beginning from Religious pretences, or breach of Customes. Thus he; which how true and judiciously spoken, our present experience, and certainly future times will abundantly manifest.

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What the various accidents have been that have succeeded these Revolutions of the Superiours, let such as are furnished with History inquire. Yet it must not be expected that such great alterations should immediately succeed; but sometimes sooner, and sometimes later, according to the will of the Creator, and the intentions and remissions of other Natural Causes. For *Corpora caelestia non agunt instanti, sed cum tempore* the Coelestial bodies.

bodies do not act in an instant, or not alwayes on a sudden, but many times at length, and with some delay; there must be *Coi-tion and Conception*, before there can be a birth or bringing forth of things.

If we add to either of the forementioned *Revolutions* 200 (or more truly, 199) years, it brings us to the entrance of the superiour *Planets* into the next *Triplicity*, which are called *Conjunctiones Mediae*, their Mean Conjunctions, for notable transactions have succeeded these also (*Anonim. 85.*) *Mutationes Trigonum ab uno signo ad alterum, vehementes & durabiles mutationes essent in provinciis & gentibus*; The Mutations of the Triplicities from one Sign to another, do effect vehement and durable mutations in Provinces and Countreys.

For example. The last *Restitution* of the *Fiery Triplicity* (except this we are now under) was *Anno Christi 809.* (as was mentioned before) about the 20 of *October*: to which if we add 199 years, it brings us to the year 1008. in which year, about the middle of *June*, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* made their first conjunction in the next (which is called the *Earthly*) *Triplicity*, and that about the 10. or 11. of *Virgo* (*ex Tab. Carol.*) the *Invasion* of *William the Conquerour* was during the effects of this *Trigon*, and succeeded about 60 years after.

And thus the same proportion of years being added, we are directed to the third and fourth *Triplicities*; and so to the Lesser Conjunctions, which do happen in signs of the same *Triplicity*, and are once in 20 years; the particular times of which, for the reasons already mentioned, are not to be obtained without calculation, *Vid. Proph. Merl. p. 52. & Seq.*

As to the quality of the Events, according to the precepts of *Astrologers*, besides what hath been already mentioned, shall be more fully handled in the following discourse, and perhaps may hereafter be enlarged.

I have been the more large upon these things, because they have principal relation to the present subject; nor is this doctrine of Conjunctions hitherto sufficiently handled; the best Treatise I have hitherto met withall (in general) is that forementioned of *Mr. Lilly, viz. Propheticall Merl.* from which I have received great light, to the discovery of the effects depending on this Conjunction I am now to treat of.

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CHAP. IV.

Of Comets and new Starrs, &c. to be considered
in generall Accidents.

There are also other principal Causes of natural Mutations (as was mentioned in the beginning) and they are *Comets*, *New Starrs*, *Parabelæ*, and *Paraselenes*, or *Mock-suns* and *Mock-moons*, and divers other Meteorological Appearances, which by the Learned we are also advised to consider in future Events, *Ptol. Quad. fol. 105. & Cardanus Segm. Aph. 133. In consideratione generalium evenumum, &c.* In consideration of general events, *Comets* and all such things as are incident thereto, are to be consider'd. For (by the 99. of the *Censilog. Ptol.*) they also carry a second part in judgement.

History makes plentiful mention of these, and the notable events that have succeeded, and our own experience of late years are a sufficient testimony; not to mention many, how ominous was that Comet or Blasting Star that appeared in the year 1618. to *Germany* especially, and divers other Countreys, too fresh in our memories to be denied? What strange alterations succeeded suddenly after the Comet of the year 1652. here in *England*, (assisted with other causes concomitant, as the Eclipse of the Sun, &c.) New Lords, New Laws, New Governors and Government, New Customes, (and what not?) But of this Comet I shall have occasion to speak more in the sequel.

Nor can it be with good reason conceived, that such Prodigies as these should appear in vain: *Signa quæ videntur in celo aut Luna vel cum aliis stellis, quæ apparuerint extra motum & cursum naturæ, nunquam eveniunt sine magna mutatione regnorum illius climatis in quo apparuerint. Rig. Prop. 87.*

Signs which are seen in Heaven, either with the Moon, or with other Stars, when they appear beyond the motion and course of Nature, they never happen but they portend great mutation of those Kingdomes, or the Kingdomes of that Climate in which they appear.

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And here I cannot omit the repetition of those excellent expressions of *Herodotus*, mentioned by Mr. Lilly, *When God intends to punish a Nation or a City, he first signifies his will by Prodigious; Loquuntur cum hominibus non modo lingua humana, &c.* God doth not speak to man with humane tongue onely, As by Prophets, Apostles and Pastors, but also by divers forms and Images composed in the Elements.

And indeed it is worthy of note, that seeing those ordinary and more frequent signatures of the will of the Almighty (the Influences of the Celestial Bodies instituted by God himself at the Creation, *Gen. i. 14.*) are not so diligently observed by all, nay derided by some, he therefore many times sends us such prodigious and unaccustomed Appearances, such extraordinary and irregular Accidents in Nature, that he might thereby leave a more deep impression of his Almighty power and Will in the hearts of the sons of men, that all might be left without excuse.

Not that hereby we limit the more secret purposes of God in the ordering and governing his Church; for whose glory and promulgation all Monarchies and States have their being here. But that we may observe that God seldom bringeth any extraordinary transactions to pass in this world; but he first fore-shewes his Will and future purpose by some (ordinary or extraordinary) productions of Nature. Thus the Birth of our Saviour was accompanied with a glorious Star, that the wise men of the East (who no doubt were conversant in the Astral Influences) might also come to the knowledge of the Messiah and God of Nature. *For having seen HIS STAR we are come to worship him, Mat. 2. 2.*

Of the New Star of the year 1604. and the Comet 1652. whose influences are cooperating with our present Conjunction, they are handled in the following discourse in their proper places.

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CHAP. V.
Of Eclipses, and Lesser Conjunctions of the
Planets.

Hitherto of the most principal causes of such accidents as do naturally happen in the World; Lesse principal causes are *Eclipses*; lesser conjunctions of the Planets, *Revolutions*, &c. And by lesser conjunctions of the Planets, I mean of *Saturn*, or *Jupiter*, or *Sol*, with *Mars*, which I term *lesser Conjunctions* comparatively to those of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* alone. And in this sense may *Messabala* be understood, when he terms the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* *Great*, of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *Mean*, of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, *the Least*.

These, although they produce many times very forcible effects, yet those effects are not so universal (especially of Eclipses, because they variously appear in different places, and the defect is sooner varied) but do operate therefore more especially upon some particular places and persons; which although it be sometimes with a malignant kind of violence; yet is the duration thereof of far shorter continuance.

Rightly therefore was it said of *Cardanus*, *Seem. 7. Aphor. 121.* *Nulla Eclipsis omnino toti orbi penuriam, aut pestem prominciare potest. Pests autem ex his, quatuor annis durare nunquam potest.* No Eclipse can signifie Want or Scarcity, Pestilence, or such like Accidents, to be general to the whole World, because those Accidents signified by Eclipses cannot last above four years.

Nor do the effects of *Saturn* or *Jupiter* with *Mars*, or of *Sol* with either, continue above two years, because once in or about two years they make conjunction, and those in different parts of Heaven: but the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* do happen but once in twenty years, and that in signes of the same Triplcity.

These therefore are properly said to dispose of the times in general, and those lesser Causes do more particularly shew the intention and remission of the effects; For it is an *Axiom*, That by
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how much a Planet is more ponderous and slow of motion, the more powerfully doth he leave an impression of his influence. This is very evident in the *Transits* and *Aspects* of the Planets by the Hylegiacal places of *Nativities*, and in the mutation of the *Air*, and as demonstrative in other Astrological Judgements.

And these therefore are also to be considered in general judgements. For (as hath been already mentioned) it is not onely the Conjunctions themselves, or any one Configuration that doth operate alone, but the concomitancy of succedent (yea and precedent) causes that are also to be considered; according to that notable saying of *Naibed, sup. Alcabit, pag. 357. Tempora vero magnorum eventuum non à Saturno & Jovis conjunctionibus solummodo, sed etiam à deliquiis esse supputanda, &c.* The times of Great Events are not onely signified from the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, but also from *Eclipses*; or from hence it may be inferred, that their Effects (that is of the Superiours) are portended to longer times, by reason of the many and infinite Transits of themselves and other Planets through the several Regions of Heaven, therefore it is necessary their influence should oft-times vary and change; but the effects of *Eclipses* do seldome exceed two years and a half.

Nay it is the judgement of *Dasipodius, Propos. 65. Conjunctiones magnæ nisi ab Eclipsibus vim recipiant non sunt magni faciendæ*; That great Conjunctions are not of so great force, or to be so much esteemed of, except they receive strength from *Eclipses*, (that is, as to the particular times of the events) although as to generals they have great signification: For by the 61. and 62. *Propositions, Judicia temporum in magnis eventibus ex Eclipsibus sumuntur.* The Judgements of the times when great Events shall happen, are assumed from *Eclipses*; *Ex Eclipsibus magni effectus proveniunt*; For from *Eclipses* great Events do happen.

Thus I say are these considerations to be understood; that although the General Accidents of the World are produced from the more superiour causes, who have a more general and universal signification; yet then shall those accidents most evidently appear, when they are put forward by inferiour causes, such as are *Eclipses*, Lesser conjunctions of the Planets, &c. who nevertheless produce many times very notable effects of themselves,

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which yet are subordinate to the general disposition of the times.

Annual Revolutions also are to be noted, which strictly taken, cannot indeed be said to be causes of Natural Events, but rather as onely signes of what accidents shall happen in such or such a year, to those Countreys and places for which the Revolution is set, according as it hath relation to the then predominant Configurations (I mean of preceding causes) of Heaven.

Thus *Boninus* doth plainly inform us: *Fol. (mibi) 224. Per revolutionem Annorum mundi, sciunt quid in illo Anno sit futurum de bono aut malo, utrum tranquillus aut guerra, &c.* By the Revolutions of the years of the World, is known what will ensue in that year, whether Good or Ill, Peace or War, Plenty or Scarcity, what the condition of *Kings, Princes, Nobles, the Religious*, and all other sorts and degrees of men, and quality of things whatsoever, according to the property of man therein, of the dearness and cheapness of things, of the fruits of the *Earth, &c.* But this being not so pertinent to our present purpose, I omit further discourse thereof.

Nor is it my task to handle the whole doctrine of General Judgements; who please may be further satisfied as to Effects of Great Conjunctions in general, from that judicious Treatise of *Mr. Lilly's* mentioned already; of the doctrine of *Eclipses* I refer to his *Annus Tenebrosus*; of *Comets* there is not any thing to purpose in English; somewhat there is in the *Prophetical Merlin*, but more in the *Annual Prognosticks* of *Mr. Lilly*; *Mr. Booker*, and *Mr. Wharton*, for the year 1654, to which also I refer you.

As for those other Inventions of the *Ancients*, as the change of the *Excentricity, Professions, &c.* since they are not grounded upon sufficient demonstrative principles of Natural Motions, I have no more to say of them, onely, That as divers accidents have happened contrary to expectation, others not according to prediction, as well in this as in other parts of *Astrology*, did the *Ancients* invent (or conceive there were) other grounds of Judgement, which indeed do scarcely deserve the name of Natural Causes.

These General considerations I thought necessary to premise, as conducing much to our present purpose. What is farther necessary to the amplifying of this doctrine of General Contingencies, as occasion requires, is more fully handled in the subject it self.

PART



PART II. CHAP. I.

The Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter 1663. Octob.
10. *Astrologically handled.*

FOR such as are not acquainted with *Astrology* and its principles, I think necessary to premise, That the twelve Signs of the *Zodiack*, are by the Ancients divided into four *Triangularities* or *Triplicities*.

The first, which they term the *Fiery Triplicity*, is of *Aries, Leo, Sagittarius*; which they also say is *Cholerick, Masculine*, and the *Regal Triplicity*, and doth therefore signifie the most principal accidents of the World.

The second is of *Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn*; this is called the *Earthly Triplicity*, *Melancholy, Feminine*, and signifie more sordid and vulgar accidents.

The third *Triplicity* is of *Gemini, Libra, Aquarius*; is *Masculine, Sanguine, Temperate*, beholds the first by benevolent Aspect; and do also signifie very eminent Transactions to ensue, when conjunctions are made therein.

The fourth and last is *Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, Watry, Flegmatick, Cold and Moist*, inimical to the first Triplicity. The several Conjunctions of these superiour Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* (as hath been said) in these *Triplicities*, are such as have the most principal signification of the affairs of the whole World. They conjoyn but once in 20 years, making 10 conjunctions in signs of the same Triplicity, and then in order they enter the next.

This Conjunction I am now to treat of, happens in the first of these, which because it is the most eminent, most principal Effects (in their proper times and places) will ensue: What they are more hereafter.

The day on which this Conjunction happens, is the 10 of October (by the best Tables, or about the 11) as most have it. By the *Caroline Tables* (the best extant) it should be about 20 min. past 9 in the morn.

By the *Rudolphine Tables*, 37 min. past 2 in the morn.

By *Astronomia Instaurata*, about 24 min. past noon; but by another new Theory of the same Authors, not till 24 min. past 2 after noon,

Argoll will have it about 8 of the clock the 12 day, a great mistake.

But such is the difficulty of finding the true moment of any of these Conjunctions, by the most exact Tables that are, or can be framed by the Art or Industry of Man, by reason of the slow motion of the Superiours.

It was therefore truly said of *Cardane*, *Segm. 4. Aphor. 79.* *Nullius planeta cum altero præterquam cum Luna, exacta conjunctio, et per se ipsum signum ascendens sciri queat, haberi potest.* The exact conjunction of no Planet with another, except the Moon, as that the Sign ascending may be known, cannot be obtained. Nay such is the disadvantage (saith he) *Nullus mortalium nec instrumentis aliter discernere potest, in Ptol. fol. 215.* no mortal man, neither with instrument nor otherwise can discern it. *Humanus intellectus non comprehendat*, saith *Nabod*.

The reasons I have more fully explained in my Treatise of the conjunction of *Saturn & Mars*, *An. 1658.* And therefore, according to the rule there prescribed (which is to take the next subsequent new or full Moon, or preceding, especially if it be a new Moon) I have taken the new Moon following, which I the rather accept, because it is almost the same with the Revolutionary Figure for this year, in which the Conjunction happens, which in some sense we are advised by *Ptolomy* and others to consider. For the Ascend. of that Revolution is the 23 deg. of *Leo*, of this the 10 of the same Sign.

Which Lunation, according to the *Carol. Tables*, is as followeth, and it were to be wished, that such as are furnished with convenient Instruments, would carefully observe some dayes before and after (if the weather will permit) that so we may have a foundation of further speculations.

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This is the Conjunction we are now to handle ; it happeneth to be the third Conjunction, since their last entrance into this Triplicity ; the first being in the year 1603: December the 7. carefully observed by Sir Christopher Heydon in England, and by Kepler at Prague ; between whose observations was very little difference (the difference of Meridians considered) as any may more fully see in his defence of *Astrology*.

This their Initiation or entrance into the Fiery Triplicity, is the seventh Restitution, after their first conjunction therein since the Creation of the World ; And certainly (as Mr. Lilly well expresseth it) hath a more secret mystery of *Sabbatism* in it than any other, and promiseth something of more singular moment to the

the World; where by the way, I cannot omit a judicious observation of Mr. *Whartons* in his *Hemeroscopeion* for the year 1653.

It is good reason (saith he) like as *Rome* was built soon after the beginning of the fifth *Fiery Trigon*, (the first being that under which the World was created) and afterwards by little and little increased, and amongst other Cities the great assembly of the Inhabitants, People, and Kingdomes she had subdued; bore up her head, until at length about the sixth *Fiery Trigon*, she had reduced very many Kingdomes of *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*, to the form of a Monarchy and soveraign Empire, and flourished in great glory. And that from thence this Empire being divided into two, (East and West) was observed to have fallen to decay, being troubled with intestine Wars, and exhausted by Aliensations of Kingdomes and Provinces, untill about the seventh *Trigon* it was restored by *Charls the Great*, and in some sort received its pristine beauty; so shall this Empire at this time also (during the effects of this eighth *Fiery Trigon*) sustain great mutations. Thus he.

And surely with good reason it may be so conjectured; it is the judgement of *Alstedius*, that the Fire of this Conjunction (that is of this Restitution of the *Fiery Trigon*) will consume all the dregs and refuse of the City of *Rome*. I say, there will notable Accidents happen to the *Roman Empire*, during the Effects of this Return of the Superiours into the *Fiery Triplicity*; and those transactions will also in abundant measure be manifested, these next 20 years; especially about the years 1665. or 66. (as many conjecture) yet do I not conceive that *Rome* itself will be subject to such grand Mutations, as some have conceived, till the year 1683. or after; in which there happens three Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Leo*, the Ascendant of *Rome*, which undoubtedly will have great force thereon, though I cannot say to its subversion totally. However, before these Superiours have performed their period in this Triplicity (which will be about the year 1801.) there will assuredly be very great alterations, if not a finall *Catastrophe* of the Sovereignty and Dominion thereof; For if (as *Dasspad* saith, *Aphor.* 77.) the *Fiery Trigon* hath dominion over the *Christians*; then must the *See* of *Rome* be

be much concerned herein: And besides, from the position of *Mars* in *Leo* at the time of the Conjunction, and some other considerations, we shall speedily hear of some grand Commotions, Wars, Fires, Tumults, and Uproars, &c. that will afflict both City and Countrey in great measure.

King *James*, upon this first Entrance of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* into the *Fiery Trigon*, was established into the English Monarchy; and in the year 1623. was their second meeting in the same Triplicity, viz. in *Leo*; nor long after was the death of that Glorious Prince, and King *Charles the First* (of happy Memory) was crowned King as rightful Successor. But behold in the year 1643. when according to the accustomed order of the Celestial Powers, and the natural course of those Superiours, it was to be expected they should have their Conjunction in *Aries*, a Sign of the same Triplicity; contrary (I say) to that orderly Method they usually observe, they made conjunction in *Pisces* a Sign of the *Watry Triplicity*, and so of quite contrary nature to the former.

Excellently was it observed therefore of *Campanella*, in his *Astrologia, sub quarto Trigono, qui primam respicit hostili radio, Monarchia prima frangitur, incipiunt hereses dire, armisque protecta, ob Martem & Lunam, fides plus armis quam miraculis amplatur, &c.* Under the fourth Triplicity, which respects the first by hostile Aspect, the first Monarchy (that is, the Monarchy or Monarchies that arise from the first Trigon) shall be broken, direful heresies begin, protected with Arms, by reason of *Mars* and the *Moon*; Faith more enlarged by the Sword than Miracle; new Religions and Tenents arise, checking the former Austerity, or rather Superstition: and all this to a good intent, because it is the properties of the Stars to incline.

Conjunctiones in Signis Aqueis, quia est Trigonus Martis, significant multa bella; inventiones operum mechanicorum propter mercurium, hereses graves & magnas, &c. Dasipod. Aph. 66. When Conjunctions happen in watry Signes, which is the Triplicity of *Mars*, they signify the Wars, and the invention of mechanick Works and Instruments for this purpose; great and grievous Heresies do also abound; the Law and Religion of *Mahomet* had its beginning from this Triplicity; to which agrees *Cardan*, *Spinosa*, and others.

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And if such accidents do attend the orderly course of the Superiours in this *Triplicity*, how much more when it happens so irregularly, as this in the year 1643. did, viz. after two Conjunctions in the *Fiery Trigon*? And who is there now living that cannot seal to the truth of such preposterous Effects, that have attended the English Monarchy these last 20 years?

But let us now observe, that after this digression (if I may so term it) of the superiour Planets, Almighty providence hath ordained them in this their next meeting *Anno 1663.* to return again to their former path, and there to make conjunction, not onely in the same *Triplicity*, but very neer to the place of their first meeting therein.

From whence we may with good reason conjecture, that those Kingdomes or Common-wealths, those Monarchies, States and Governments, all those Families and persons, as had either original or progresse to greater Dignity or Authority, from the influence of the *Great Conjunction* of the year 1603. or of that *Minor Conjunction Anno 1623.* And which during the effects of that preposterous Conjunction *Anno 1643.* did receive restriction, and almost total subversion, shall from the effects of this Restitution of the Superiours be again *restored*, and firmly established upon their former principles; and all those Schisms, Heresies, and factious Inclinations, that were predominant in the unruly minds of men, will be either totally abolished, or greatly suppressed; so that all matters, both in Church and State, generally shall be reduced to their pristine beauty and lustre, and for these next twenty years shall continue in great Glory and Majesty; although perhaps afterwards matters may for some time be carried on with greater austerity, &c. Yet will not these things be altogether free from Disturbances, Molestations, and dislikes of a ruder sort of distempered spirits, especially the former part of the Effects of the Conjunction; or especially till *Saturn* and *Jupiter* do make their first *Sexile Aspect*. For the Comet which appeared in the year 1652, in opposition to the Great Conjunction; which also exhausted mens spirits to *Rebellion, Tyranny, &c.* is yet cooperating with the effects of this Conjunction we now treat of, and so will be for some years; which conjunction is almost directly in opposition to the place in which the Comet first appeared.

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And although we cannot obtain the hour of the Conjunction so precisely, yet this is certain, that the *Moon* that day (and I do believe near the true time) passeth by the forementioned Comet, and applies to the opposition of the Conjunction, and *Mercury* (her dispositor) in that pernicious Sign *Scorpio*, having lately been in Square with *Mars*.

Hence I say, although from the prerogative of *Jupiter* in the Conjunction, we may expect much Tranquillity and Happiness, and that matters should be carried on with much mildness and sobriety, in matters both Legal, Political, and Religious; yet there will appear a factious and distempered kind of people, of the rural or more common sort, men of unsetled judgements, that I say, will molest and disturb the peace of the Kingdome, and of all those places where otherwise the benevolent influence of the Conjunction will operate; and what they cannot accomplish by force (by reason that both the *Moon* and *Mercury* are weak, and *Mars* disposing of *Mercury*) they will endeavour by private Conspiracy, false Rumours, and seditious Pamphlets, nay and sometimes by tumultuous Insurrections.

I cannot call this Conjunction Great, although it be as it were a restitution of the *Fiery Trigon*, considering that irregular one of the year 1643. Yet let me tell you the effects thereon depending will be of no small moment, in all or most of the *Kingdoms* and *Common-wealths* of the world; but more especially in the *European* and *Christian* part thereof, by reason of the Great Conjunction it self, and other eminent causes.

For, besides the Great Conjunction Anno 1603, there was also in the year following a most eminent *New Star*, which continued visible about 16 moneths in a most splendent manner; whose place of appearance was not onely in this *Fiery Trigon* also, but in or near the *Ascendent* of the Great Conjunction, as it was carefully observed by Sir *Christopher Heydon*, and *Jo. Kepler*.

Now our present Conjunction being so near the place of the Great Conjunction 1603, the *Ascendent* thereof, and the *New Star* of the year 1604. (for the Great Conjunction was about the 8th. deg. of *Sagittary*, the *Ascendent* and *New Star* about the 18 deg. of the same sign, and our present Conjunction in the 14

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deg. thereof) interposing the Conjunction and new Star; without doubt very eminent effects must be expected to happen during the effects of the *Fiery Trigon* in general: And what was more particularly signified by the great Conjunction, and in a more especial manner by the *new Light*, whose effects must continue during the influence of the whole *Trigon*, and certainly prenotes some extraordinary effects to ensue therefrom, by reason it appeared so near the beginning of the *Fiery Trigon* (that is the first entrance of the Superiours therein) and continued so splendid in the same place for above one year; I say, the effects hereon depending shall be exceedingly renewed, excited, put forward, and in an especial manner manifested to the world, by the influence of our present Conjunction, seeing it hath so near alliance to those eminent preceding causes.

And therefore it was not in vain, that which *Cardanus* and other of the Learned adviseth, *Cum videris conjunctionem vel oppositionem superiorum in triplicitate Ignea vel Aeria, non festines iudicium, nec idem tradas in rebus parvis, maxime si Sol vel duo de superioribus in ipsis Triplicitatibus manserint; praeminentes enim sint haec duo ab aliis triplicitatibus, prima quidem in celsitudine & gloria, secundae vero in bonitate & profunditate ingenii.* *Cardanus* in *Ptolom.* When thou seest a Conjunction (or an Opposition) of the Superior Planets in the *Fiery* or *Airy Triplicity*, be not hasty to give judgement; neither let it be of small matters, (especially if the *Sun*, or two of the Superiours be in those Triplicities) for the actions of these are praeminent above the other Triplicities; those of the first or *Fiery Triplicity* do exceed in height and glory; those of the *Airy* do signifie or operate in Goodness and profoundness of Wit.

Notable to this purpose is that of *Mr. Lillies* in his *An. tenebr.* pag. 26. The most material changes and alterations of this world (saith he) have alwayes succeeded either a great Conjunction of the Superiours, or some grand and wonderfull Eclipse in the *Fiery Trigon*, of which these Conjunctions have been the *Prodromi*.

And that which is yet further worthy of note, is, that seeing the Conjunctions of *Mars* with *Saturn* or *Jupiter* (according to the precepts of *Abraham*, *Leovitius*, and other Astrologers) are neces-

necessarily to be considered to the magnifying of the Effects of great Conjunctions ; let us observe that *Mars* doth make two Conjunctions with *Saturn* in this very Sign, (not to be neglected) one in the latter end of the year preceding (*viz.*) in *Novemb.* 1662. in the 6 deg. of *Sagittary*, which was neer the place of the great Conjunction 1603. The second happens in the year after our present Conjunction, in the 27 deg. of the same Sign, and near the place of the *Sun* in the said great Conjunction, his place now being neer the same it was at the Conjunction 1623.

Nor is it unworthy of our observation, that in the latter end of the year 1662. there was no lesse than 9 Conjunctions of the Planets (besides Lunar Conjunctions) in this very Sign *Sagittary*, which (of the 120 Conjunctions *Ptolomy* adviseth us to consider, *Aphor.* 50.) are of very principal concernments: the rather, as they are the *Prodromi* of this superiour conjunction ; *Memorable aliquando significant, plures planeta conjuncti eodem signo* : When many Planets are conjoynd in one and the same Sign (or Division of Heaven) they signifie something memorable to happen to the world. Not that such accidents are signified by these inferior Conjunctions : For by the 39 of *Ludov. de Reg.* *Cum superioribus nunquam judicia de rebus parvis, cumque inferioribus de rebus magnis, trades.* As from the Superiours we are not to judge of small or trivial matters to ensue, so neither of great matters from the Inferiours : For according to the 282 of *Anonymus* (or an unknown Author) *Conjunctio superiorum efficacior & melior inferiorum.* The Conjunction of the Superiours is more efficacious than of the Inferiours.

Nor let any mistake me, or think by these eminent transactions *Nota.* ons I here judge may ensue ; that I accord with those erroneous Judgements, who from the Conjunctions (or rather Position) of all the Planets in this sign, the first of *December* 1662. that the consummation of the Universe, or that the calling of the Jewes, or a Fifth Monarchy (as some have vainly conjectured) is thereby signified. I do only urge, that seeing this Harmony of Celestial Configurations, and such an agreement of natural Causes, especially of the Great Conjunction and New Star, It cannot be with any found reason (as some on the other side have vainly) imagined, but that the *Almighty* doth hereby signifie unto us some

grand Mutations and Accidents to happen in the world, from the effects of this last return of the Superiours; and those in an especial manner to be manifested these next twenty yeares, being excited by the influence of this Conjunction we now treat of.

Therefore, for the better finding out what those events more particularly are, it is necessary that (by the 51 of *Hermes*) that we consider those eminent preceding Causes, severally and apart, especially of the Great Conjunction and New Star, who have the general disposition of the times for almost 200 years, from the year 1603.

Causa Universalis effectuum sunt potentiores causis singularibus, & generaliores, minus generalibus. Dalipod 57.

Causa universalis vincit singularem ubi par est magnitudo effectuum significatorum. Aphor. 59.

Causa Universalis in comparatione ad proprium effectum, potentior est quam singularis. 60.

Most Excellent Aphorisms, according to which are the first and second of *Anonimus*.

Constellatio particularis reducit ad actum, suo tempore, eaque significavit constellatio universalis & superior,

Potentior causa destruit significata contraria causa minus potentis.

The sum of all is, That general and universal Causes are of more power than singular and particular causes; for a particular Constellation doth but reduce those things to action in their proper times, which a more superiour Configuration hath signified.

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CHAP. II.

Of the Great Conjunction, Anno 1603.

Let us begin first with the Great Conjunction; the *Scheme* of which, according to the observation of Sir *Christopher Heydon*, is as followeth;



Who pleases may reduce it to other Meridians; That which is very observable is, that this great Conjunction (contrary to the usual order and custome) happened before the full Period and compleat Revolution of the preceding *Triplisity*, as if the effects depend.

depending hereon should by the Ordination of the *Almighty* be sooner manifested to the world, than for some natural causes could otherwise have been predicted.

And seeing the nature and property of this Triplicity (by the general consent of the Learned) is diametrically contrary to the former; it may be rationally conjectured that the more eminent changes and alterations are likely to happen, ere the effects thereof be at a period. Undoubtedly there will be a great suppression (if not a total subversion) of some Ancient Dignities, Laws, Customs, Privileges, Monarchies, Kingdoms, and Commonwealths, and also of some ancient Families who had their first foundation of greatness, from the effects of those preceding configurations; And either the Erection or restoration of others; who must continue in great Glory and Majesty, and shall be firmly established, during the effects of this revolutionary Congress; or till some contrary Configurations of Heaven do produce their dissolution.

So many Planets posited in the sign of the Conjunction (separating and applying) considering also that the Conjunctions of *Mars* the year following with *Sat.* first, then with *Jup.* both near the place of the great Conjunction, and the Ascendent of *London*, these may induce us to conceive, that some more than ordinary effects are to be signified by this return of the Superious into the *Fiery Triplicity*. I say more than perhaps hath usually happened, from any or most of those that have preceded since the Creation of the World, and that amongst other places, *London*, and generally the whole Nation is herein concerned.

And what those effects are, *Campanella* and others do inform us *Sub Arietis triangulo sunt Monarchia ingenes, leges justae, sapientes dynorum, pietas bona coeli & Europae in nostro Hemispherio*; Under the Triangle of *Aries* (which is the first, and called the *Fiery Trigon*) are mighty Monarchies erected, just Laws; the *Europeans* of our Hemisphere will be more pious, and searchers after divine things.

Tranquillitas, pax, ex Solis & Jovis dominio; Tranquillity and Peace, by reason of the dominion of the *Sun* and *Jupiter*; *Item sapientes, ingenes, sterilitates magna ab Triangulo Igneo*. Also wise and famous men do appear in the world, great barrenness
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in many places, because it is the Fiery Triplicity, and the Planets that have dominion therein are more hot and dry, than moist.

And seeing it is the Sign *Sagittary*, in which these superiour Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* do make their first Conjunction (by the doctrine taught us in the 59 pag. of *Merl. Proph.*) the world seems weary of former wars, and upon small intreaties will be ready to hearken to peace. Some ancient Family decaying, and a new one repairing and exalted; an appearance of Schisms and new Doctrines, but none privileged by Authority; the Church troubled with curious niceties, men stumbling at Straws, and leaping over Blocks; the Majesty of *Jupiter* is such in *Sagittarius*, all things tend to peace, and do the Devil and Jesuits what they can, there will be tranquillity in most parts of Christendom, during the first twenty years of that Trigon's government; all the actions of those years ending in Treaties, Leagues, Messages, and the like; many men will be in hope to aspire to greatness; the end crowns onely one: but because the Sign is double bodied; two Generations pass not without superlative discord to the actions and beginnings of this Conjunction; much double dealing among men.

I need not repeat what hath happened in the affairs of the World from the year 1603. to the year 1643. in which happened that preposterous Conjunction in the *Warry Trigon*; they may be yet remembred, or called to mind by looking a little backward; let it suffice to note in general, that soon after this great Conjunction, very notable Mutations happened in the World; the English and Scottish Monarchy was conjoynd in King *James*, a general Peace over all *Europe*, divers years of Drought, and great Scarcity, and Dearth.

But this is not all, there are yet many notable Transactions to happen the world from the effects hereof; *Signum bi-corporeum significat homines & reges, Magistratus, &c.* *Dafipod. 85.* By-corporeal or double bodied Signs do signifie or operate most upon Man, and of Men upon Kings, Magistrates, and Rulers in any Kingdome or Common-wealth; therefore (as Sir *Christopher Heydon* hath it) the effects hereof may be applied to matters and persons both of *State* and *Religion*.

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And seeing that whatever had its rise or original from any eminent Configuration of the superiour Powers, must also expect to receive a great suppression and molestation from its contraries; so now (in the judgement of *Spinew* in his *Catastrophe Munda*, ingeniously translated by the Learned *Elias Asbmole Esq;*) as *Mahomet* had his rise from the influence of the *Warry Trigan*; so from the effects of this Restitution of the superiours in places of contrary effects, must that Law and Religion receive great abatement and molestation in its dominion and government, if not a total subversion; yea in pag. 25. of that Book, from the influence of this Conjunction, *Mahomet* shall be destroyed, then shall follow a universal peace, and a general Empire of Christians; or the Faith of Christ more enlarged throughout the World.

But (saith he) these things will not be without labour, great Difficulty, Blood-shed and by infinite Infelicities, Rebellions, Dissentions, and Treacherousnesse, by reason of the *Scorpions* heart, the presence of *Mercury*, and the treacherous *Sexile* of *Mars*, equivalent to a *Quartile* in the *Equator*.

And if we do consider the nature of the *Star*, which for the most part is *Marial*, the constellation being generally received to be also of a malevolent nature; and that the *Moon*, who is disposed of by *Mercury*, is separating from an opposition of *Mercury* and the conjoynd Planets, and applies to an opposition of *Sol* and *Venus*, the Conjunction it self, and *Mercury* being so neer this violent fixed *Star*, with the forementioned *Quartile* of *Mars*.

These considered (I say) with good reason did *Spinew* judge there would happen such malevolent effects in the world, either before the benevolency of the Conjunction would take place and operate, or notwithstanding what was otherwise portended thereby; so I say, let the Policy, Care and Industry of *Sauiyn*, the Integrity, Wildome, Justice, and Piety of *Jupiter*, or in more plain terms, let the Wildome and Prudence of the Rulers and Magistrates of Kingdomes and Countries, whether (and both) *Civil* and *Ecclesiastical*, endeavour what they can, there will be divers treacherous Oppositions and Molestations, secret Plottings and Conspiracies, publick Calumnies and Reproaches,

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yea and sometimes Insurrections and Rebellions, contrived and acted by a rude, seditious, and treacherous Multitude, an unsettled and giddy-headed Generation, who will not want their supporters and associates in the very Courts of Princes; for *Mars* is Lord of the 11. and all this attended with the pretence of Religion and Justice, &c. by reason of *Mercury* his dominion in the 9. and of *Jupiter* in the sign of the Conjunction where *Mercury* is.

But what will be the issue (may some say) of those contrivances? the Moon in opposition to the Ascendent, and 12th, from her own house, and *Mercury* not onely peregrine, but in his detriment will inform us; and we usually say in other Judgements, that he or they, whose significators are most strong, shall overcome; *Saturn*, *Jupiter*, and the *Sun* (who in this sense are opposed and afflicted) are much better dignified; All comes to as much as nothing; and GOD hath certainly a great work to do by the effects of this Conjunction, the generals whereof you have heard. Yet let me not omit the judgement of Mr. *Lilly* upon this Conjunction, viz. That GOD will restrain Monarchical pomp, and reduce all to an *Aristocratical mediocrity* both in Church and State: But before this be effected, *Omnia manu armis regentur*; as *Cardano* long since predicted; after which God will give so long a peace, and such tranquillity to the Earth, as she never enjoyed the like; in the mean time (saith he) as *Saturn*, *Jupiter*, and *Mercury*, in the Scheme are in the 12th. I conceive that privately by Lies, by Treachery, by feigned and dissembling Treaties and Ambassadors, and by the policy of a Jesuitical Faction all over *Europe*, the true Protestant Religion shall infinitely be distressed, and the Heavenly intentions impeded, and all those Countries that professe Protestantisme exceedingly be molested, by so secret and close a compact of Villains and false-hearted Traitors, lurking in the bosoms and closets of Princes, as that many will think Popery and Papism shall return to its old seat in every Country. But that it will never in our Kingdoms, for *Jupiter* being in his chief house, cannot but *in fine* overcome, and the rather, because he receives the *Sun* and *Mercury* in the Ascendent, which shew that God will miraculously by the means of some young Prince or Commonalty of people, discover and

bring to light the close mystery of those plots, that from the year 1603, until almost 50 years he expired, shall involve all at some times, and part at other of Christendom in most bloody broils.

For the more particular times of the Events, and those many accidents yet to be completed, I handle afterwards; yet if we take the Ecciptical distance of *Mars* from the place of *Mars*, and the Conjunction, and convert it into time, it shews the times of some more than ordinary Events suddenly to ensue. But thus much of the Great Conjunction alone.

CHAP. III.

Of the Effects of the New Star, Anno 1604.

A *Nov 1604*, about the beginning of *October*, this Star was observed first to appear in the Heavens, whose effects cooperate with the Great Conjunction, because it appeared so near the place and time thereof, and by reason of its stability and long continuance; the greatnesse of which effects are known by its Place, Magnitude, Distance from the Earth, its form, colour, and time of continuance.

For its Place (although there is some small discrepancy among Authors) it was observed and generally concluded to be in the 27 degr. and about 40 minutes from *Sagittary*, with 1 degree 54 minutes North Latitude, so that (I say) it was not much elongated from the place of the Great Conjunction, which evidently shews the concordancy of its effects therewith.

For its Magnitude, *Ricciolus* and others say, it was bigger than *Jupiter* or *Venus*, as to its apparent Diameter and visible quantity; but *Kepler*, *Spinus*, and some others do say, that it was indeed bigger than *Jupiter*, but not altogether so big as *Venus*; For certain its apparent magnitude was more than any of the fixed Stars, whence also the effects are of the greater moment.

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parallax (by the consent of all *Astronomers*) shews it to be situate among the fixed Stars far above the planetary Orbs; For (as *Spicinus* hath expressed it) from *Jupiter* and *Mars*, it was so much distant every day, as was their Diurnal motion; so that by its equidistance from the fixed Stars, it appears it was fixed also, and had no motion at all in Longitude, as the Planets and other wandering Comets usually have.

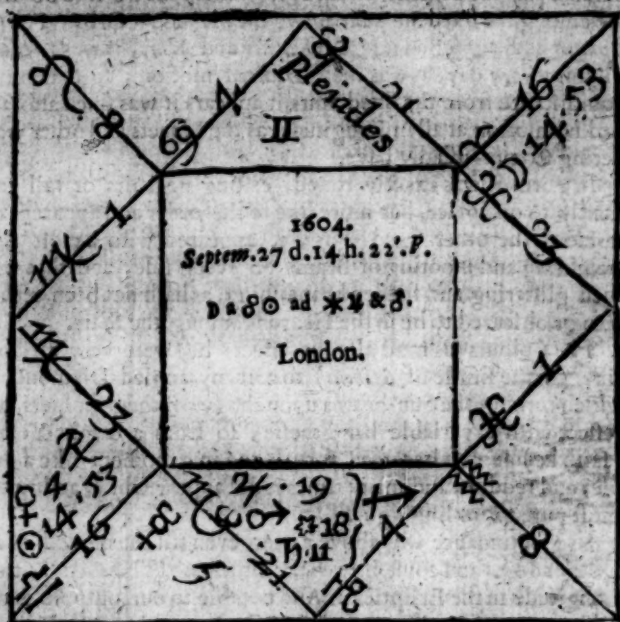
In Form it was exactly round, casting no hairs or tail constantly to one place, but more like to the order and apparent custom of the other fixed Stars, it appeared with a most clear twinkling and shooting of beams on every side, and that with such glittering and sudden brandishing, as hath not been usually seen or observed to be in the Heavens among the Stars.

The Colours (as must also the effects be) were very variable, like (in the simile of *Spicinus*) to a many-angled Diamond, by which turning the Sun-beams upon the eyes of the beholders, will reflect with a variable brightnesse; so from a bright Yellow (saith he) anon it became Croceal, and in a moment like a Purple, and reddish, and many times it did appear white, and with a most pure twinkling light.

Its Continuance was above a year, even till the moneth of February 1602. and constantly in the same part of Heaven, as to its Longitude in the Ecliptick: And notable to our purpose is that observation of *Kepler*, That all the Planets were in conjunction with this Star, before it was extinguished: to which I may add, that its first appearance was neer the times of the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* with *Mars*, as by the following Figure appeareth.

This is the true Historical relation of this rare Phenomenon, or unusual appearance; which though it be brief, yet is it as full as is necessary to our present purpose. But who would be further satisfied, I refer to *Ricciolus* his *Almagestum Novum*, and *Kepler*; *de Stella Nova*.

The places of the Planets (*ex Ephem. Orig.*) at the next Lunation preceding the first appearance of this Star, is as followeth.



That *Aphor. of Anonimus the 253. Post magnas conjunctiones in signis Aeris (why not Igneis) solent apparere Cometa, cum redeunt planeta superiores ad aspectum* is here verified; so also after the ♂ in 1623, and therefore (as some have conjectured) it may be expected we shall have a Comet or New Star ere the year 1665, be expired.

I shall not trouble my self or my Reader with the various controversies of the Learned, about the generation and existent matter of these or such like productions of Nature; I say from its place, being so related to the great Conjunction, and the reputed Ascendent thereof, we may learn the concomitancy of its effects therewith, and the extraordinary events that must ensue from this last return of the Superiours into the Fiery Trigon.

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From its Magnitude, Distance, Stabillity, Continuance, &c. is the Greatness, Quality and Duration of the effects declared. And by its Habit to the Sun, the time thereof in general; for considering that it was occidental of the Sun, and so appeared not till after the Sun-set, viz. was *vespertine*, if we may apply the Doctrine of *Ptolomy*, then must not the effects thereof be so suddenly manifested to the world; but as the Sun did approach nearer and nearer, and so by degrees, and for some time did obscure the light of the Star, so will the effects be obscured or retarded for some time, or till excited by subsequent Configurations; yet so, as that it must cooperate with the Conjunction, because it was neer the Ascendent thereof; or we may from hence infer, that as the great Conjunction was Oriental and Matutine, and so might denote some sudden changes and alterations to happen in the world, or that the effects thereof should quickly be manifested; and that after *Saturn* and *Jupiter* were separated one from another, and were about to make their conjunctions with *Mars*, for the further augmentation of their effects; that then this *Star* appeared *occidental* (as hath been already mentioned) neer to the place of the Conjunction, denoting, that at length, and even before the effects of the Conjunction are compleated, must there be some eminent and more than ordinary accidents to happen to the world.

Very little hath hitherto been taught us by the Astrologers, of the effects of these or such like Prodigies of Nature, so that we cannot attain so exactly to the particular events. We may generally conclude from extraordinary Causes, that some extraordinary Events will ensue; and from Astrological principles and grounds of Nature conjecture, from such inordinate signatures as inordinate and prodigious effects must happen.

The judicious do say (saith *Spineus*) *Circa illam partem, in qua pseudostella resulxit ascendere virum aurum visu representantem.* That about that part of Heaven in which a *Mock-star* appeareth, shall a man arise, which in shew shall resemble Gold; *Cometes in oriente maximi exortum significat viri magni legum latoris*, saith *Cardanus Segm. 2. Aph. 204.* Comets appearing in the East, do signifie the birth of a great Man, who shall be a Maker or a giver of Laws.

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And by the third *Sign.* *Apb. 27:* *Cometa immutabilis, sedulantis,* &c. Immovable Comets do signifie Seditions, and being in the Fiery Triplicity it excites Wars, Commotions, Conflagrations, &c. to happen in the world; And this the rather, for that the Star was of a *Mary*-like colour; yet seeing at length it appeared of a more bright and *Asteroidal* colour (or rather a *Jovial*) *Spineus* will have it, after so many misfortunes; as Wars, Seditions, Burnings, Slaughters, &c. to signifie the Kingdome of Peace; with him we may conclude, that there will be great change of Laws and Customes, Destruction and Detriment to divers States and Monarchies, beyond what is signified from the great Conjunction, for else why was it visible so neer the place and time thereof?

To which we may adde that notable observation of *Sir Christopher Heyden*; that as *Saturn* was elevated above *Jupiter*, and so might seem to retard or remit the benevolent influence of *Jupiter* in the Conjunctional effects (who was otherwise better dignified) yet this *Star*, when *Saturn* came to passe by him, was elevated above him, which doth also further evidence the greatness of the effects of this *New Star*; and what *Saturn* would do by Subtily, Craft, Hypocrisie, self ends, &c. shall in a great measure by this New Light be discovered and suppressed, whether it be by new Laws or Decrees, in matters either Civil or Ecclesiastical.

And soasmuch as this *Star* was fixed and situate above the planetary Orbs, even among the fixed Stars, and that the Sun also among the Planets the year following, suffered an Eclipse in the *M.C.* of the great Conjunction, and in perfect Sextile to the Ascendant thereof, and the place of the *Star*, which was also then yet visible; from whence it may be (saith he) proportionably collected, that what was decreed in this notable Synod of the Planets (in this sign, which he calls the Court or Temple of Heaven) was also ratified by the fixed Stars, and by all the Spheres of Heaven; neither is it to be neglected, that this *New Star* was not onely elevated above the Planets in the Conjunction, both in respect of its Latitude from the *Ecliptique*, and situation or distance from the *Earth*, but also excelled all the Planets in magnitude and light.

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So that as the *Sun*, metaphorically representeth Kings and Magistrates, and Nobility in *Astrology* are resembled to the Planets about the *Sun*, so the fixed Stars are compared to the people and Commons; among whom some excell others in Greatness; and therefore, whether there be a new *Democracy* or *Aristocracy* of the Church and Common-wealth, founded while the *Sun* suffereth his light to be eclipsed, I take not upon me to decide; but he conceived there would be a breach of Leagues and Treaties, and a renovation of the Wars, great detriment to the King of Spain, that he should be beaten out of the *Indies*, and the Gospel should be propagated unto the Southern parts: For to what end is this Star perpendicular to the Indian Seas, and to the best parts of *America*? if we consider the place of the Star, in relation to the Figure of the great Conjunction, it was in the Ascendent thereof, therefore what great Man there is (or to be) born that must come from the East to excite Wars, and change Lawes, we must leave to time to determine.

Considering that all the Planets, except the *Moon*, are subterranean, that *Saturn*, *Jupiter*, and *Mars*, and the *New Star*, are intercepted in the fourth House, without doubt it will be long before the effects will manifest themselves fully to the world, which at length will be the more effectual, because the first appearance thereof was so neer the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* with *Mars*, and all nigh the place of the Great Conjunction and the Ascendent thereof; and therefore I may add, that because our present Conjunction is so neer these former Configurations, therefore the effects thereof shall in abundant measure shew themselves these next twenty years, and likewise during the effects of every of those Conjunctions that shall happen in this sign *Sagittarius*, so long as the influence of the *Fiery Triplicity* shall continue.

But what those effects yet further are, give me leave also to add the judgement of *Spiciens* in his *Catastrophe mundi*, where (treating of the *Mock-stars* of the years 1572. and 1604. he saith, That the appearance of this Star in the *Fiery Triplicity*, and (as he terms it) in the direct of *Sagittary*, signifies the vehemency of some King over his people; his covering of moneys, depredating of many of his subjects by violence and injustice; the death

death or deposition of such Nobles as had their honour under the *Fierſ Trigon* (I ſuppoſe it ſhould have been the *Wary*) and conſequently it foreſhews a Drought, and great Mortality among the Inhabitants of the *Earth*, a decay of Fruits by the vehemency of Heat, a dearth of Cattel, the death of Kings and Citizens, and that there will be much lewdneſſe in many parts.

And further, without doubt in the latter years there will be almoſt a deſtruction of Monarchies eſpecially, becauſe of the moſt powerful influence of the Stars that then will happen; we conceive (ſaith he) not onely the final deſtruction of the *Turks*, but alſo that there will be a great decay among *Chriſtians*, and that not onely all the *Kings* and *Potenariers* of the Earth ſhall be hurt by the ſeveral evil Conſtellations of Heaven, But take heed all you *KINGS* of *SPAIN* and *FRANCE*; you *Princes* and *Potenariers* of *ITALY*, behold and dread the ſign ſent from *G O D*, viz. the *Mock ſtar* of the year 1604. let down in the *Fierſ Triplicity* to provoke Wars and Conflicts (by *ſeg. 7. Aph. 34.*) Rebellions, Treafons, Deſolations, ſudden and utter Ruine and Miſchiefs of all kinds; ſo that all men living, of what degree ſoever, ſhall be naturally inclined to the ſhedding of *Blood*. For every inordinate conſtitution of the *Stars* brings Death among old and infirm people, but in others ſudden and utter ruine: And at length he thus concludes, *Oh! quot mutationes Regnorum; Oh! quot lugubres & ſetiales inferniunorum Caſus! &c.* Oh! how many changes of *Kingdomes*! Oh! how much lamenting the condition of *Diſgrace*! Oh! how many ſorts and differences of dangers are to be feared, what great and grievous Villanies! what turbulent and damnable Seditions! Oh! what ſudden and unlook'd for miſchievous kinds of Deaths! Oh! what exalting of wicked and reprobate men do the *Stars* of Heaven belch out! what wretched and indigent perſons are every where extoll'd, and the rich oppreſſed and impoveriſhed! how many ſubjects and ſervants will rule, while *Kings* and *Maſters* obey! Oh! what *Princes* ſhall be thrown down out of their *Dominions*! what inſolent, drunken, and luxurious men, who ſhall have the habit of *Whoredom*! what inventors of new and unheard of Luſts, Buggerers, Gluttons, Murtheters, cruel decei-

Deceivers, Traitors, and Thieves (without cause) such as shall deride, torment, tear in pieces, and kill with very vexation, all men that be endowed with Prudence, Knowledge and Wisdome, who will neverthelesse be of a firm and constant mind.

And if you would also know when in general these things shall be, he adds, Although they shall be fierce after the year 1630. yea more fierce after the year 1650 yet shall they be most terrible and rigorous after the year 1660. *Nota bene.*

God divert the Evil that is yet further portended from the effects of this *Star*, from the Kingdom of *England*; for seeing the *Star* did first appear so neer the body of *Mars*, and that *Saturn* was also applying, whose influence *Mars* translates first to the *New Star*, afterwards to *Jupiter*; it may probably be conjectured, that many violent and turbulent accidents must ensue in the world, which as they do proceed from such natural causes, whose influences are universal, so that all places more or lesse shall be sensible of the effects; therefore *England* cannot be excluded, and the rather, because we are under a sign of the same Triangularity: But if we consider the dominion of the Sign it self, or their situation in Heaven, the effects are for certain extended to the more Southern parts of the World, and such as are both South-East and South-West from *England*; and in *Europe*, more particularly *Spain*, *France*, *Italy*, *Portugal*, &c. But let this suffice for the effects of the *New Star* also, onely if we consider the time of the *Sun's* coming to the place of the *Star*, *Mars* and *Jupiter*, it informs us of some superlative transactions to fall out in the years 1664, 65, and 66.

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CHAP. IV.

Of the other Lesser Conjunctions, Anno

1623. and 1643.

OF these we are not to take any great notice, seeing the effects extended but to the following 20 years after each Conjunction; among which we may not forget that the death of King James succeeded the Conjunction of the year 1623. and that King Charles, whose Ascendent was the sign of the Conjunction, came by happy Succession to the Crown; there was also several years of great Drought, Scarcity, and a most furious Plague.

And therefore seeing such like Evils did also succeed the great Conjunction of the year 1603; especially that great Plague in England Anno 1603. and that (as Mr. Gualden observes) Saturn cannot (or seldom) pass through the fiery Triangles, but amidst the City of London with a Plague; and as it often times hath been observed, so God grant it not to be so now: But truly, when I consider, beside the Transit of Saturn through the sign Scorpio, that besides other Enormities great Plagues have also succeeded those preceding Conjunctions of the years 1603. and 1623. so that there are also two conjunctions of Saturn and Mars in the same sign; we think we have too great cause to fear an approaching Plague; and that a very great one, ere the year 1643. be expired; I dare not be positive in such determinations, but I say, from these reasons taken from such eminent natural causes, it is greatly to be feared; and if we consider how the Fruits of the Earth have been corrupted by intemperate seasons and unwholsome airs, and thence a great destruction of Cattel, we cannot but look on those also as the *Prodromi* of the same; and how hath Almighty God visited most Nations about us, and a long time spared us? (*LIBERA LIBERA NOS DOMINE.*) Notable is that expression of Mr. Lilly's; We in England (saith he) have had two of our best Princes followed with two Great Plagues, viz. Queen Elizabeth 1603. and King

King James 1625. There's a Myſterie in it, if I durſt unfold it. God grant we have no more ſuch *Plagues*; I wiſh ſuch *Princes*.

Tonely further Note in this Conjunction of the year 1627. that as *Mars* his next Alpect is a *Quartile* with the *Moon*, who translates the light and malevolent influence of *Mars* to the *Sun* by a hostile Alpect, viz. a Square from Cardinal Signs, and that the *Sun* being ſeparated from the Oppoſition of *Mars*, applies next to the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, doth evidently denote moſt violent Tranſactions to enſue, though not ſuddenly, becauſe of the diſtance of the degrees; which if we convert into time, viz. of the *Moon* to the Quadrate of the *Sun*, and *Mars* to his oppoſite place, it gives about 16 or 17 years, which brings us to the years 1639. or 40. And who knows not what troubles were then agitating and beginning to come upon us?

And ſeeing that the place of *Mars* at the time of our preſent Conjunction, is the place of the Conjunction of the year 1623. (or near it) which ſign being the Aſcendent of *Rome*, and of *Italy* in general, it threatens detriment to them eſpecially, by *Fires*, *Tumults*, *War*, and ſuch like Enormities; by which means thoſe who eſpecially had the Original of their greatness from the effects of this Conjunction, ſhall be depoſed, and loſe much of their Honour and Dignity, whiles others by ſome Noble Heroick Exploits, and principal Martial performances, will be elevated to greater dignity and power, which will be alſo of longer continuance.

But as for the Conjunction in 1643. which, according to the uſual order of the Superſours, ſhould have happened in *March*, and ſo have made their third Conjunction in the *Pier*, *Triplicity*, but contrariely it happened in *Piſces*, which is a ſign of the laſt *Triplicity*, ſo that after two Conjunctions made in the *Pier*, *Triplicity*, this proſperouſly comes in to finiſh the period of the former *Triplicity*.

And indeed the effects thereof were of a contrary nature, according to that of *Ench. de Rep. Aph. 32. Deterioratur gentis bonum per tranſmutationes illarum magnarum, cum ſuccede ſes inimicabiliter configurantur cum figuris prateritarum, &c.* the kinds of men are made worſe by the tranſmutations of thoſe Conjunctions, when thoſe that ſucceed are inimically configurated to thoſe

that are past. So I say did this preposterous Conjunction produce as preposterous Effects, viz. the suppressing and abrogating of former Laws, Religion, Customes, Privileges, Governments, &c. which now from the effects of this Restitution, or returning again of the Superiours into the *Fiery, First, and Regal Triplcity*, must all thole exorbitant abuses both in Church and State be abolished, and all or most of those former Rights and Privileges, Laws and Customes, be restored and established upon their former principles and foundations.

But if we consider moreover the malevolent configurations of the Planets, at the time of the Conjunction; *Mars* is neer the opposite place of *Mercury* and the Conjunction of the year 1603. the *Sun* separating from his Quadrature, and applying next to the place of the Conjunction: the *Moon* separated from the body of *Mars* and Square of the *Sun*, is in Square to *Mercury*, and opposition of the Ascendent of the great Conjunction and *New Star*, and applies next to the Square of a Conjunction: All which (I say) considered, are all *Arguments* in *Astrology*, of much Faction and Division, of much turbulency and disturbance in Affairs, which although they were carried on under pretence of Religion and Justice, Rights and Liberties of the people, yet were the intents of those Enormities nothing but self-ends; and who knows not how fraudulently and deceitfully matters were performed, however they were at first otherwise pretended.

Those who please to observe the distances of the forementioned Aspects, and convert them into time, as is already prescribed, or as is more precisely used in the determination of the effects of our present Conjunction, may see how those times did concur with the directions. The effects thereof being fully expired, upon (or rather before) this Conjunction of the year 1663. (by reason of some other notable reasons that might be taken from general as well as more particular causes) and this Conjunction being largely (and as judiciously) handled by Mr. *Lilly*, being the subject of his *Propheteal Merlin*, I forbear any further observation thereon, and hasten to what I intend.

CHAP. V.

Of the Comet that appeared in the year 1652.

ANno 1652. December the 5. by most (the 6, 7, and 8 by some) was the first appearance of a *great Comet*, or *blazing Star*, having a large *Tail*, which at some times and in some places appeared bigger than at other times it seemed.

It continued visible about 23 days, therefore the effects must continue so many years from the time of its appearance, viz. till the year 1675. so that the influence thereof must be manifested, and also co-operate with the effects of our present Conjunction, according to the determination of the times thereof; and because it was of great Magnitude, even (in the simile of Mr. *Booker*) as the full *Moon* in her *Apogee*, or farthest distance from the Earth, or as Mr. *Lilly* and Mr. *Wharton* have it, about 14 or 15 inches diameter, and the *Tail* extended to 3 or 4 degrees North-east-ward, or opposite to the *Sun*; Hence the effects are of the greater concernment; For, *Quo magis Stella eo efficacior est*; By how much greater a Star is, the more powerful and efficacious: The times of its Appearance, its Longitude, Latitude, Diurnal motion, as it was observed by Mr. *Rook* sometime Reader of *Astronomy* at *Gresham Colledge*; and the declination by Mr. *Wharton*, is as by the following Table appears.

Where we must observe, that the 9th day was the first time of the observation thereof by Instrument, though it did appear two or three days before, nor could it be every night seen, so as to observe it, therefore there is no more set down than the observations were.

The nature of the Effects we come to know from the colour of the *Comet*, and the ruling *Planets*, &c.

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Decemb.	H. M.	Long.	Lat.	Declinat.
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10	7 0	5 29 17	M 51 0	4. A
11	11 0	4 18	10 1	46. B
12	7 0	1 0	0 11	36
14	11 0	17 8 30	4 S 51	24 21
15	10 0	25 30	9 10	28 4
16	10 0	23 45	14 10	32 25
18	9 1	22 50	19 10	36 48
19	9 0	21 49	21 30	38 50
21	9 0	20 40	25 30	42 19
22	8 0	20 25	26 45	43 25
23	10 0	20 10	28 10	44 39
25	10 0	19 30	30 35	46 41
30	6 10	18 50	33 30	49 9

Which because they are particularly handled by Mr. *Lilly*, Mr. *Booker*, and Mr. *Wharton*, I shall onely make some general observations conducing to our present purpose, as they are concomitant with the influence of this Conjunction.


And that which therefore is most observable, is, that the place in which this prodigious *Comet* was first observed to be, was in the exact place of the *Moon*, and opposite to the place of the great Conjunction, *Anno* 1603. and the New Star of the year 1604: which also is in opposition to our present Conjunction: so must we expect that what inordinate effects are thereby signified, are such as must contradict or disturb the influences of those more eminent causes.

And if (as by the consent of the Learned) those Conjunctions did signify the erection of some new *Monarchies*, *Empires* and *Dominions* in the world, some new *Laws* and *Customes*, *Ceremonies* and *Privileges*, both in Church and State, so likewise from the effects of this *Comet*, should those *Laws* and *Customes*, &c. receive great

great alteration and disturbance; and who knows not the great change of *Government*, and consequently of *Customes and Privileges* that succeeded and happened the year following in *England*, as the influence of this *Comet* and the great Eclipse of the *Sun* in *Aries* the preceding *March*; which Eclipse signified some new *Government*, which by reason of the contrary effects of this *Comet* to those preceding causes, must be by the subversion and abrogating of the former *Powers, Laws* and *Customes*, and not as that of the coming of King *James* from *Scotland* to the *Crown* and *Regal Government* of *England*, which was in peace and tranquillity.

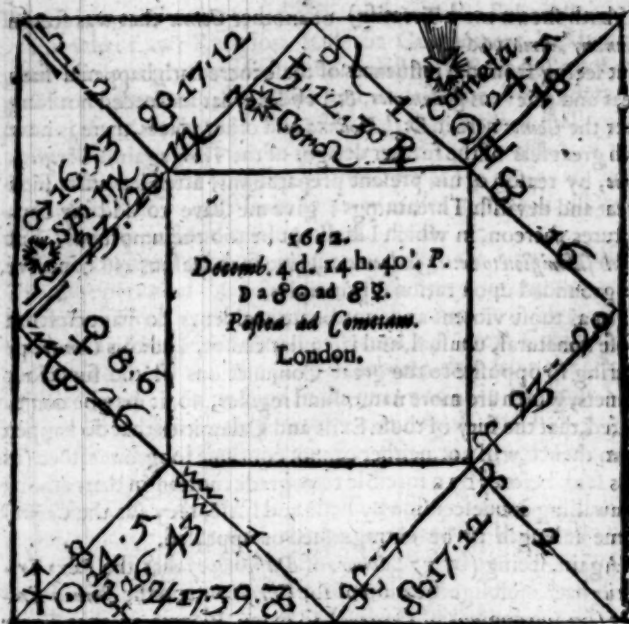
And seeing from the influence of our present *Conjunction*, which (as hath been already mentioned) is so near the place of the great *Conjunction* and new *Star*, all those former *Rights* and *Privileges, Laws* and *Customes* shall be restored, and those exorbitant abuses both in *Church* and *State* abolished; yet we may infer from hence, that seeing the effects of this *Comet* do co-operate yet for several years to come, therefore will not the effects of the *Conjunction* take place, without great troubles and disturbances ensuing.

And although (for the forementioned considerations) we may most rationally conclude, that *Almighty God* hath some great and eminent work to do, and doth signifie to us some extraordinary events to happen in the world by this last restitution of the *Superiores*, which shall be augmented and excited, or stirred up and put forward by the influence of the *New Star*, and that those wonderfull events will in a great measure be manifested these next 20 years, by reason of the concurrence of the *Conjunction* with those preceding *Configurations*; yet I say (by the 32 of *Rigel* forementioned) will mens minds, or the minds of some men be excited by this preposterous *Comet* (if I may so call it) to *Mischiefs, Sedition, Insurrection* and *Disturbance*, to secret *Conspiracies, Mutinies*, and *Rebellions*, and all such irregular Enormities, as such malevolent spirits can be capable of contriving; which by reason of the *Retrograde* motion of this *Comet*, and that with such celerity or swiftnesse, cannot but redound to their own destruction or detriment, in as much as also it opposed those more regular, and more natural and accustomary causes, which indeed have the more principal and general disposition of the times. So that


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that I say that at what time soever, whether it be in *England*, or in what other parts of the world whatsoever, there may happen any irregular Transactions, any violent and unexpected incurfions; although they may at first very furiously go on and seem to prosper in such irregular, unlawful and unjust designs, whether it be by war, or other more cunning or politick Stratagems; yet must they run Retrograde, till they have destroyed themselves, or in a more peaceable manner come to be extinguished. And if we do observe the place of the first appearance of this Comet, (though it was not then observed by Instrument that we hear of) it is very probable that it was in or very neer the degree of the *Ascendent* of the great *Solar Eclipse* the 29 of *March* 1652 (as *Mr. Booker* well noted) as the time thereof was observed by divers *Astronomers*; so that no marvel that such turbulent transactions did so suddenly succeed in the several parts of the world, as *England, Holland, Denmark, Swedeland*, and divers others, as co-operating with, and exciting the influence of the preceding Eclipse.

But because we cannot attain to the precise time of the first appearance thereof, by reason of its uncertainty, it is necessary for such as may make further speculation, for more particular accidents to insert the figure of the Lunation preceding; for according to the 252 *Aph.* of *Anonimus*, *Ne fabricet figuram in puncto apparitionis Cometa, quia non est verum punctum, cum Cometa habeat augmentum & diminutionem.* Erect not a Figure to the point of time of the Comets first appearance, because it is not the true point of time, when the Comet may have increase or diminution.



If (as Mr. Lilly notes) that *Comets* portend *prævia locis ad quem tendunt*; Wars in those places to which they project their tails, then *Germany* and those places that lie North-east and Eastward from *England*, must expect a principal share in the effects, *Denmark*, *Poland*, *Swedeland*, &c.

Mr. Booker in his discourse of this *Comet*, tells us, that it is related of an *Italian Astronomer*, that upon the sight of this *Comet* cryed, *Va, Va Germania*; And who knows not what mischiefs have happened in those Countreys, but especially to *Germany* and *Hungaria*, into which the *Turks* this year 1663. have made an invasion with almost an innumerable Army, firing and killing and carrying captive all those poor Christians they come nigh to; all which have been portended partly by this and such like prodigious appearances; for it is reported (and Mr. Booker him-

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self hath shewn me a Treatise) of another *Comet* that was seen in *Germany Anno 1661*.

But seeing from the influences of these there hath happen'd such great and grievous *Calamities*, & besides what succeeded not long after the *Comet* here in *Engl. Holland*, and other places, there is now such great fear of the further designs of the *Turk* against *Christendome*, by reason of his present preparations, attended with such great and devilish Threatnings; give me leave to add my conjectures thereon, in which I shall not be too presumptuous, but (with submission to better judgements) give such reasons as I conceive are grounded upon rational principles.

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For as those violent and inordinate accidents do happen from those unnatural, unusual, and irregular causes, and this *Comet* appearing so opposite to the great Conjunctions of the superiour Planets, which are more natural and regular, so it may be conjectured, that the fury of those Evils and Calamities that do happen from thence, will not, neither cannot continue long; but either (as was said before) by a forcible retrograde motion in their affairs, or a willing condescension by little and little, they (as the *Comet*) come at length to be extinguished or appeased.

Again, seeing (by 77 Aphor. of *Dalspodius*) that the *Fiery Triplexity* hath most signification of the *Christians*, and the *Roman Empire* (by the consent of *Cardane*) so many Planets in that *Trigon* so benevolently configurated, especially that *Mars* who is in *Leo*, is saluted with the *Trine* of *Venus*, and applying to the *Trine* of the *Conjunction*; I say, that what cannot be accomplished by *Treaties* (of which there will not be wanting the assistance of divers Princes and Potentates) will by the power of the *Sword*, though with labour and difficulty, wherein one Heroick spirit attains to great Honour, by his more than ordinary Martial Policy and Achievements.

To which we add the reason already mentioned, pag 32. that as the Law and Religion of *Mahomet* & the *Turks* had their rise from the *Watry Triplexity*; so now from the effects of this *Sabbatical* return of the Superiours into the *Fiery Trigon* (so accounted by some, and almost all the Ancient *Astrologians*, which distinction is questioned by some now) must that Law & Empire receive great restriction and abatement of its power and

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For what Law, Religion, Rule or Government, had its original of rise or greatnesse from the celestial Influences, must expect to receive great detriment and molestation from contrary causes; so that because the effects of this returne shall most powerfully operate, and be put forward by the effects of this Conjunction of the year 1663. therefore (I say again) all those enormities that do arise from contrary causes to these, must speedily be subverted and extinguished.

And although I take not upon me to judge the time precisely when the period of these *Revolutions* shall be; yet seeing they were excited hereunto by the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* Anno 1662. which happened neer the place of the great Conjunction Anno 1603. and this of 63. so I conceive that from the effects of their second Conjunction in the year 1664. in the same Sign (if not before) will they receive their final and full period of prosecuting any further designs at this time against the Christians.

So that I dare presume to conjecture from these natural principles, that the Turk will not be so successful in his attempts upon *Europe* as some (and indeed with great reason) have feared; but that either matters will be reconciled by Treaties, Embassies and Solicitations, or he will be forced by the Christian Sword to retire.

And if we do but consult with the Histories of former times, and that frequently after the apparition of such like unaccustomed prodigies, we shall read of divers invasions of the Turks into *Hungaria*, *Bohemia*, *Germany*, &c. and that with almost innumerable Armies, in which they have made great spoyle and havock, and caused great desolation among the Christians, yet hath God in his infinite Mercy been pleased to deliver them (as he did often times the children of *Israel* against the *Philistines*) by far lesse power and force, and contrary to all humane reason; And who should now distrust his Power and Will? *Surge o Domine, Arise, arise o Lord and help.*) Notwithstanding I have heard of some Atheistical wretches, who most blasphemously and audaciously have asked, Where is now your crucified Saviour? why doth he not come down and save his People? &c.

Oh most horrid and detestable blasphemy! But why doe the *Heaven* rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? He that sitteth in the *Heavens* shall laugh: The Lord shall have them in derision. Be wise now therefore; O ye Kings, be instructed ye Judges of the earth, &c. *Psal.* 2. v. 1. 4. 10.

But again to the *Comet*; It is a Generall rule, that all those places more or lesse shall be sensible of the effects, in which they appear; therefore this *Comet* being visible, not onely to *Europe*, but also to more remote parts of the World, the Influence thereof is the more Universal and not restrained to those fore-mentioned places only; but if we take it as to its declination, then from the effects of its first appearance, the more Southern parts of the world must also share therein: From the *Sigs*, *England*, *France*, but especially *Spain* must also have a great portion thereof, and that especially towards the latter part of the time determined, because it then becomes nearest Verticall to those places.

If we consider the Figure of Heaven at the Luration, which was without doubt about the beginning of its appearance, we shall find but an untoward position; for the two Malevolents do afflict the principal Angles, *Saturn* in the Meridian, and *Mars* neer the Ascendent or Horoscope; they also malevolently behold the Fortunes, who are in abject places; *Saturn* is in *Quartile* to *Venus*, and *Mars* (who is neer the opposite place of the great Eclipse) is applying to a Square of *Jupiter*; the *Moon*, after her opposition with the *Sun*, applies to an opposition of *Mercury* and the place of the *Comet*: The tenth House signifies *KINGS*; The Ascendent and the *Moon* the People; both are afflicted, and both will suffer; *Kings*, *Emperours*, and *Governours*, by Fraud, Treachery, Sorrow, Fear, Depopulations of divers of their Territories and Dominions, the people they will in a great measure suffer by Oppression, Warre, Fire and Sword, Imprisonment, and such like.

Mars doth not onely oppose the place of the preceding great Eclipse of the *Sun*, but is applying to the Medium Cusp of the great Conjunction *An.* 1603. & the place of the *Sun* that is now in opposition to the *Comet*; it at this Luration neer his place at that Conjunction; this portends some more than ordinary Calamity, Death, or deposition to some Grandee or Great persons of the World,

World, who had either original or rise from the Influence of those preceding Configurations; and this chiefly must happen in those Countries, and to those Persons subject to the Signs *Libra* and *Sagittarius*, among which (they say) *Spain* and the *Austrian* Family are very much concerned.

Not only the Luration but also the Comet it self happened in the ninth House of Heaven; *Mercury*, who is Lord of the ninth is in the third in his detriment and combust of the *Sun*, the *Moon* applying next to his opposition, out of those houses which have signification of Religion and the Laws of Kingdomes and Nations; so that much of the matters and accidents attending this Comet will happen by reason of some niceties in Religion, there will happen (as it is to be feared) great hazard and spoyl of the Church in many places: For so *Cardanus* doth also inform us, *Segm. 5. Aphor. 15. Cometes valde clarus ac conspicuus, tum etiam mobilis ac diuturnam mutationem alicujus imperii discernit.* And by *Segm. 3. Aphor. 117. Immobiles seditiones, mobiles autem bella indicant ab externis; in Cardinibus regum mortes, in nono loco Religionis jacturam, in octavo vel duodecimo loco pestilentiam, aut jacturam segetum, in undecimo loco nobilium mortes.* Comets that appear clear and very conspicuous, and if then also they be moveable, they signifie War from Foreiners, and the mutation or change of some Empire; but if they are immovable, they signifie Seditions; if they appear in *Angles*, they signifie the death of *Kings*; in the ninth hazard and detriment to the Church and matters of Religion; in the eighth or twelfth houses Pestilence, Mortality, or the spoil of Corn; if in the eleventh, they signifie the death of Nobles.

This Comet (as we mentioned before) appeared very conspicuous, the Diurnal motion thereof (as appears by the foregoing Table) was very swift: its first appearance was in the ninth of the Luration; but by its irregular Retrograde motion it descended to the eighth, even to the Cusp thereof; but as to its visibility in the part of Heaven at the first observation, and at the new Moon following, it was in the twelfth and eleventh houses of Heaven; we may therefore rationally judge, that what accidents soever are hereby portended, whether by War from Foreiners, the change of some Empire, &c. according to *Cardanus*; those

those may be conjectured to happen in the change or subversion of some Laws or Customs, in the throwing down or spoyleing and hazarding Religion, and the Church of God in many places, and will therefore bring great Sorrow and Desolation, as well to the Nobility as to the viler sort; all which Calamities must end in Mortality and violent Death, either by Pestilence or Sword.

Seeing now therefore, that according to the opinion of *Bonatus*, that all Comets do signifie *Bella, terrores & magnos eventus in munda*, Wars, Terrours, and great Events to happen in the world, and that according to the precepts of *Ptolemy*, the effects of Comets are generally such as are produced from *Mars* and *Mercury*, as Droughts, violent Commotions, Seditions, Tumults, Wars, and such other Enormities as accompany them; so likewise, besides the reasons already given, if we consider the great prerogative of those two Planets, either by reason of its Colour, which [*significat naturam Planetae dominantis*] signifies the nature of the ruling Planet; or its Form, (*Qua crinita versicolor vel bene caudata*) which was Tailed, or Hairy, and of divers colours [at several times;] or if we consider its Place, by reason of those fixed Stars which it passed by: All which being more particularly handled by those judicious persons formerly mentioned, I therefore onely say, that besides what hath happened already since the appearance thereof, as well in other parts of the world as with us in *England*, and they such accidents as may well be appropriated to the effects of the Comet; There is yet a time remaining for many such turbulent actions to break forth; I say turbulent, both as to the bodies of men by pernicious Diseases, in the body politick by War, Sedition, Tumults, Robberies, Murders, &c. and Ecclesiastick, by Divisions in the Church, oppression of the Godly and Religious, by mutation of Laws & Religious Customs; and also in the Air, by violent and destructive Winds, and the like. All which will work and manifest themselves most powerfully in the *European* part of the world, at what time the Effects of our present Conjunction doth also forcibly begin to break forth, because then by its declination (giving so many years for the days of appearance) it becomes nearest Verticall to those places.

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But I conclude all with those notable and significant Verses
of *Pontanus in Meteorolog.*

Ventorum quoque certa dabunt tibi signa Cometa,

Illi etiam Belli motus, feraque Arma minantur,

Magnorum & clades populorum & funera Regum.

CHAP. VI.

*Of the Conjunction of Saturn and Mars, and other
Lesser Conjunctions of the Planets, Anno 1662.*

THERE were also (as the *Prodromi* of this Conjunction of the
year 1663.) no lesse than 15 Conjunctions together of the
Planets among themselves, in the latter end of the year 62. nine
of which were in this very sign *Sagittary*; which although of
themselves they produce no such grand effects (as I said before)
yet because they have generally such coherence with our present
Conjunction, and those eminent preceding causes, we may the
rather (according to the 50 *Propos.* of *Ptolomy*) take the more
cognizance thereof; and the rather, because that at the Lunation
on which was on the 30. of *Novemb.* in that year, the *Moon* was
passing by all the Planets in that very Sign in which all these most
eminent Configurations have happened, viz. *Sagittary*, which by
the forementioned *Aphorism* of *Anonimus*, signifie something me-
morable to happen to the World; But I have already given cau-
tion, that these must be looked upon onely as the prompters
and forerunners of those great effects that attend those
more principal causes, whatever are or have been the high con-
ceptions of some.

The most principal of these Conjunctions, and that which is
more remarkable as to our present purpose is the Conjunction
of *Saturn* and *Mars* the 5 of *Novemb.* in that year 1662. in the
6 degree of *Sagittary*, whose effects do particularly operate but
till the latter end of the year 1664. at what time they make Con-
junction.

junction again in the latter degrees of the same Sign, and neer the place of the *Sun* in the great Conjunction; this Conjunction of the year 1662, being in the place of *Mercury*, and very neer, viz. within or about two degrees of the great Conjunction, and not far elongated from the place of our present Conjunction of the year 1663. the *New Star* 1604. and the opposite place to the *Comet* 1652. I say, by reason of these great Concomitances of the great Conjunction, and this in 63. this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* is the more remarkable, because it certainly excites the influence of the one, and prepares matter for the effects of the other.

And therefore seeing the Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Mars* (according to the doctrine of *Haly* in his *Jud. Astro.* and other *Astrologers*) do of themselves cause notable transactions, as sudden Commotions, Uproars, sometimes War, Murders, and very violent and cruel Enormities in those places that are under the dominion of the Sign in which they are conjoyned, and this happening with such relation to those eminent causes; it is then no marvel that from hence also we hear of very grand Transactions in those places of the World, even before this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* doth happen, and can take place to operate.

And (which I must now add) who is there that is not sensible of very eminent Transactions, to have brake forth in those places which have been chiefly subject to that very Sign and Trigon, viz. in *Spain* and *Portugal*, *France* and *Italy*, *Germany*, *Hungaria*, &c. and more yet are likely to happen, either there or in other places of the world, because it hath yet a longer time to operate; and I say, must prepare matter for the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, and seconded by another Conjunction in the same Trigon; so that by the way I may also note to you, that although (as I mentioned before) the Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Mars* do work suddenly, violently, and generally operate but two years; yet because of these notable concurrences so often (though but necessarily) mentioned, it may be conjectured, that they may extend their influence to a longer time, viz. till the year 1666. or till *Mars* comes to the place of the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, of which he wants about 7 degrees from his Conjunction with

with *Saturn*; However, seeing there are certainly yet a longer time for the effects thereof, and that among other enormities that have already happened in Foreign parts, the *Plague* hath lately afflicted many Countreys; I must once again take notice, that seeing the power of *Mars* is so great at his Conjunction with *Saturn*, and being with the *Scorpions* heart a most violent fixed *Star* of his own nature, there being other reasons which I mentioned before; these I say do give cause from natural grounds to fear an eminent *Plague* or pestilent Disease to afflict us, are the effects be at a period (*Quod Deus voverat*.)

And although *Mars* hath such power to excite *Wars*, *Seditions*, *Tumults*, *Uproars*, *Murders*, *Fires*, &c. yet by reason *Saturn* hath greater elevation, as well by Latitude, as in his Orbit, and approaching to his *Aphelion*, so it may be feared that he will produce great *Scarcity* and want, if not a *Famine* in some of those places subject to the influence of the Conjunction, from both great *Drought*, destruction of *Cattel*, and *Mortality* among men, *Shipwracks* at *Sea*; and these the rather, because the *Moon* agrees with *Saturn* in Latitude, which (by the 132 of *Almagest*, and the 91 *Aph. Signi. 5. Cardani*) doth add to his virtue and power with whom she so agrees in Latitude, which I understand is when she passeth by them in Conjunction; to whose beams she is nearest united.

I have no more of any moment to say of this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*; but that as those grievous Enormities that have happened in the world, have succeeded their Conjunction, and may well be attributed to their malevolent effects; so I hope that much of their violence will be taken off by the effects of this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, of which I am coming now more especially and particularly to treat, having both as fully and as briefly as I could, touched all those things as were directly necessary to the prosecution of our present subject. So the next thing we are to treat of is

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CHAP. VII.

*The quality of the Events attending the Conjunction
of Saturn and Jupiter more particularly.*

WHich must be known by the nature of the Planets that are conjoynd; and which hath the greater power and fortitude, the place in which they are conjoynd, with relation either by Position or Aspect to other Planets, or that have dignity in the Conjunction.

As for the Planets themselves, you may remember I told you they were the two Superiours, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, who have the chiefest signification of the order and governing the times, of the most material changes and accidents that do happen in the world, all other Configurations of Heaven, or that are made among the Planets, are subordinate to their influences.

That this their Conjunction is in the Fiery, Regal, and most eminent Triplicity, and the third Conjunction they have made therein, since this their last return, which is the seventh return into this Triplicity, since the Creation of the World, and will therefore produce the more eminent effects.

And because that after an inordinate Conjunction that intervened in contrary parts of Heaven, which produced as contrary effects; this Conjunction happens in the sign of the great Conjunction and New Star, and so makes a restauration (as it were) of the *Fiery Trigon*; which becausé it hath such relation to all the fote mentioned causes and configurations of the Heavenly bodies, do certainly denote unto us the greatness of the accidents to happen from this last return in general; and that those accidents shall more especially be manifested these next 20 years from the effects of this present Conjunction.

These considerations being already handled in the foregoing discourse, let us now come to particulars, wherein we must first consider the Planets themselves; of both, becausé it a conjunction *Of two; Cum duo simul planeta dominantur, erit iudicium amorum significatio mixta*; when two Planets together do rule, the judge-

judgement shall be a mixt signification of both,

One of these Planets (as *Saturn*) is an infortunate and very malevolent, destructive, and inimical; the other (as *Jupiter*) is a fortunate, benevolent, and friendly to Nature; *Et generaliter si fuerit infortuna fortuna copulata, & infortuna elevata, fiunt due infortunes, nihil firmi, periculosi, sed multum nocemas; quod si fortuna elevatur infortuna interabit quidem, sed & nocebit, &c.* Cardan. Segm. 6. Aph. 122, 123. And generally if an Infortune be joynd to a Fortune, and the Infortune be more elevated, both are made Infortunes, helping nothing firmly, but hurting much; and if the Infortune be depressed he may do some good, but he will also do much hurt; *Quoniam detrimenta magna facilius est infortis, quam felicitates, impediri quae detrimenta magna felicitates, felicitates autem detrimenta impedire non solent.* Because, saith he, great detrimments are mote easily inferred than happineses, and detrimments do usually impede felicities; but felicities are not wont to impede or keep back mischiefs.

But besides this elevation here spoken of, which (as Mr. Lilly observes) was of great esteem among the Ancients; it is the judgement & precepts of the more judicious *Astrologians*, since the time of *Ptolomy*, that the Fortitudes and Dignities of the Significator is also to be considered; so *Almansor Propos. 60.* but more plainly and full by *Cardanus* himself, *Seg. 2. Aphor. 189.* In omni conjunctione planetarum, eorum planetam dominatorem constituit, qui sublimior, & qui in loco plures habuerit dignitates, & plures stellas suo natura similes. In every conjunction of the Planets constitute him Ruler, that is the most superiour in his excentrick (that is neerest his Aphelion) and hath most dignities in the place of the Conjunction, and the fixed Stars that they are with, are most of his nature. This (I say) is the judgement of all (vid. *Propos. Mer. pag. 75. & Seq.*)

In our present Conjunction *Saturn* is most elevated, having about one degree more North Latitude, and being neer the superiour part of his Orbita; but *Jupiter* is better dignified, as to essential dignities, therefore both the forecited *Aphorismes* of *Cardane* are in force; and it is a general rule, *Quod ligat Saturnum Jupiter dissolvit, & hac significatio est super res magnas,* that what *Saturn* binds or hinders, *Jupiter* dissolves or furthers, and this

hath signification of great matters, saith *Almans. Propos. 36.* and by *31 Propos.* If the Fortunes have dignity in those places; *Minuuntur malitia infortuniarum*, the malice of the Infortunes is diminished; or (by the 18th. of *Anohim.*) is made more moderate and temperate.

By all which we may gather thus much, that seeing from the influence of such like conjunctions of the Planets, viz. of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, there usually succeeds such superlative Transactions, deep Consultations, and matters of great moment in the world; what mischief soever is portended by *Saturn* in this Conjunction (which will not be a little to some persons and in some places) will not be so vigorous, or at all times so efficacious, and in such a plentiful manner executed, by reason of the greater prerogative of *Jupiter*, yet so as what general benefit and felicity *Jupiter* doth promise to mankind herein, will be remitted, retarded, and sometime abrogated by the malignant power of *Saturn*.

If you examine the dignities of each Planet, you shall finde *Jupiter* to be more strong, though it be by few testimonies; yet is he essentially dignified, and onely suffers by affliction from *Saturn*, whose dignities and support are chiefly from *Jupiter* and *Venus*: Oh what Craft and Subtilty, what Fraud and Hypocrisie, &c. will there be used even by those who receive their Interests, Being, and Subsistence from others! yea, even against those very persons that do intrust them, and this as well among great persons, as those of lower degree.

For from *Saturn* is signified matters Political and Civil, all subtil and politick Counsels, Deceitful; private and cunning Stratagems, Covetousnesse, Self-ends, Destruction to some ancient Family and Buildings; in this Conjunction to Lawes, Liberties, Customes, and Privileges, Depopulations, &c. this he signifies in Political matters.

In Ecclesiastical affairs he portends great Superstition, Idolatry, Hypocrisie, Monkery, Jesuitism, and the severall Orders of Friers; all manner of Debauchery and Basenesse under Religious pretences, Sects, Schismes, Heresies, Jewish Superstitions and Ceremonies.

To Mankind in general he threatens great and difficult Labour, Poverty and Want to many; he afflicts the body with tedious

dious Infirmities and Diseases, as the Gout of all sorts, the Sciatica especially, because in *Sagittary*, Hectique Fevers, Defluxion of Rheum, Quartan Agues, and such like Diseases as are not easily remedied by the most skilful Physician; he afflicts the mind with sorrow, Fear, Lamentation, Trouble, Banishment, long Imprisonment.

In Natural things he portends great Want and Scarcity, Destruction of Cattel, Corn and Fruits, Famine and Mortality, unwholsom Airs, Cold, Cloudy, Misty, Foggy weather, and sometimes long and tedious Frosts.

At Sea he signifies Shipwracks, and great damage by Ruine and Decay, by Inundations of Waters, and breaking of Sea-banks, Dearth and Scarcity of Fish and Fowl, especially Water-Fowl.

Of Persons he signifies those of Superiour Rank and Quality, because he is the most superiour of the Planets, *Rare applicatur Saturnus alteri Planeta, quare propter hoc significat magnos Principes & Monarchas stabiles.* Anonim. 35. *Saturn* seldom applieth to another Planet, but generally all the other Planets to him, wherefore he signifies great Princes and stable Monarchs; but generally he signifies the laborious Countrey-man, Husbandman, Farmers, Yeomen, &c.

In our Conjunction he signifies a deceitful, sordid, pernicious kind of people, who will inhabit even in the Courts of Kings and Princes, who will undermine and deceive, endeavour to spoil and subvert the more wholsom purposes intended, to set up and promote their own Interest and Profit.

This (I say) is the general signification of *Saturn*, which in some measure, at some time, and in some places, will be manifested, according as his influence is augmented or excited by those *Revolutions*, *Eclipses*, *lesser Conjunctions* of the Planets, or other *Configurations* of Heaven; but with this caution, that these or such like accidents must not be expected to happen in all places, nor at all times alike, as well for the reason before rendered, as the benevolency of *Jupiter*, with whom he is in conjunction.

From *Jupiter*, who is here oppressed by *Saturn* (as much as in him lies) we judge of Religion, and all sorts of Religious men, the Laws of Nations, and the practitioners thereof of all degrees; he

he signifies (when and where he rules) much Integrity, Uprightness, Justice and Faithfulness among men; great Peace and Tranquillity obtained by Prudence and Moderation, Religion exercised with much purity and sincerity of Life and Doctrine, just Laws freely executed, the Rulers and Magistrates much honoured and revered, the People receiving great Justice and benefits from their Princes, Honours conferred on many, new Laws, Customes, and Privileges bestowed.

He generally signifies Plenty and Increase of all things for the benefit of Man, health of Body, tranquillity of Mind; wholesome and seasonable Air, fortunate Voyages by Sea, and as prosperous Endeavours by Land, and generally remits all the Evils *Saturn* can inflict upon a Kingdom or Nation.

And verily, were it not for the power of *Saturn* (though it be by accidental fortitudes, as was mentioned before) there were great hopes that *Jupiter* would operate to purpose: nor will there be great endeavours wanting, which in the end will prevail though with difficulty, and that with some variation and uncertainty; for double bodied Signs do signify things not to continue long in a station; and (I say, from the power of *Saturn*) there will be such secret Consultations and Jugglings, such private ends and fraudulent pretences used both in matters of State, and also of Religion, that the honest intents and purposes of *Jupiter*, (viz. of Magistrate and Divine) will receive great Restriction, and sometimes suppression, though not to a total Subversion or extirpation.

For both Planets having such power in the Conjunction, viz. *Saturn* being almost equally dignified, both will struggle hard (that is) the policy of a Saturnine, Malevolent, and Jesuitical spirited people, and the more moderate disposition of the Jovialist; and although those persons and matters (or many of those) signified by *Jupiter*, shall be much suppressed, debased, and suffer much in their several functions and degrees, and instead thereof many sordid and indigent persons, and such as are of more wicked and superstitious dispositions, exalted and promoted into their privileges and prerogatives; yet I say again, will they not so prevail, but that *Jupiter* will have time to exercise his more benevolent influence; so that in the end Religion and Religious men

men in truth shall be exalted, just Laws executed, the just Rights, Privileges, and peace among the people, restored and established.

But let us hear what Authors say to this matter; *Haly de Jud. Astr.* pag. 8. informs us, *Si Jupiter fuerit junctus Saturno, nobiles & alii homines, iudices & largi & factores bonorum operum distrumentur, & significat mortem Regis alti & potentes multas locustas, & dominum in domibus*; If Jupiter be joyned to Saturn, Noble-men, and of high degree, Judges, and such as are inclined to do good, will be destroyed; some great and potent King will die, there will be many Locusts (*Anglicè* Caterpillers) great detriment and hurt among rich men; *Si Saturnus eleuetur supra Iovem, significat quod interficiuntur nobiles & alti homines*; if Saturn be elevated above Jupiter, he signifies slaughters among Gentlemen.

Escuidas fol. 30. tells us there will be, *Infortunium in pluribus climatibus, multa bella in Babylonia & mortem Regis ejus, & rumores terribiles*; many misfortunes happen in several climates of the Earth, much war in Babylon, the death of the King thereof, terrible rumours also will ensue; *Prohibetur omne malum a potestate Iovis*, saith *Haly*; From the power of Jupiter all these evils shall be lessened; and besides the power of Jupiter in the place of the Conjunction, there is an eminent Fixed Star, which is partly of the nature of Jupiter, not much elongated from the place of their Conjunction, yea almost ariseth with the degree of their Conjunction: From all which we cannot but judge from the influence of this Conjunction, that very high and notable Consultations and Debates about the settling of matters both in Church and State, and removing of those obstructions that may hinder the peace and safety of both, which will not onely be strongly endeavoured, but notwithstanding all difficulties, will in the end be accomplished; for Jupiter is also more assisted by the presence of *Venus* than Saturn is, by reason of the more Southerly latitude, from whence we may judge great Treaties and moderate Solicitations will be used.

Notable to our purpose is that of *Bonams*, fol. 324. *Si Jupiter Saturnus corporalius junctus, erunt opera qua homines facient cum silentio, & operabuntur per modum religionis, & cum apparitione fidei & obser-*

abstractions præceptorum iustitiæ. If *Jupiter* be corporally joyned to *Saturn*, the actions of men shall be performed with much silence and secrecy, under pretence of Religion, and with appearance of Faith; and the observation of the precepts or commands of Justice.

If we consider the habit of these Planets to the *Sun*, we shall find them occidental; nor doth the *Sun* behold them by any perfect Aspect, being separated from their Sextile about 14 degrees, so that we may note by the way, that it may be long ere much of the effects do manifest themselves; but matters for some space of time will be carried very obscurely and privately; *Effetus planeta orientalis cū sole apparere, occidentalis tarde.* Anonim. 59. At the time of the Lunations, both before and after the Conjunction, not only the Conjunction it self; but also all the Planets, except the *Moon*, are subterranean, or under the Earth.

If we consider the Revolution of the year in which this Conjunction happens, which we are adviled to consider by *Cordano*, *Seg. 2. Aphor. 187. Nam magna eveniunt juxta domus naturam;* for great things do happen according to the nature of that house; the place of the Conjunction is then also in the fifth house, entering into the fourth (*ex Tab. Cavat.*) so that still they are subterranean, which doth further shew the great privacy, under hand dealing, and obscurity of things before they are fully manifested. So *Ptolemy* hath it, *Aphor. 26. Loci plani res, quoniam stellas tam significans aut sub terra est, aut in alieno loco soli conjungitur, &c.*

And yet both Planets are swift of course, which denotes the celerity or readines of many to propagate such matters, and the vehemency of things that are obscurely hatched, although they cannot so suddenly break forth.

And although the aforesaid Aphorism of *Cordano* cannot be applied to an Universal judgment, because revolutionary Figures are varied by reason of the difference of Meridians, & the several elevations of the *Pole*, yet this is very observable; that at the time of the Vernal Ingress these two superiour Planets were very near their Conjunction, neither were they much Elongated all the year, even till the time of their true Conjunction. Which consideration, together with the several Conjunctions of the
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Planets, the latter end of the preceding year (especially of *Saturn* and *Mars*) in the same sign; these May are very notable, for as much as from hence matters were preparing forcibly for the effects of this Conjunction; though perhaps not manifest themselves so powerfully, as when the Conjunction it self begins to operate.

At the time of the Conjunction the *Sun* is separated from the *Sextile* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, *Mars* applies to their *Trine*, *Venus* is the place of the great Conjunction, 1603. applies to a *Trine* of *Mars*, and to the bodies of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*; but before she comes to these, she becomes *Retrograde*; what may we from hence judge, but that certainly the endeavours of many will be for Peace and Reconciliation of Differences, for quieting the fears and jealousies of the people, and the suppressing of that malignant humour that is the cause of their sorrow, grief and complaints? but some are discouraged, and are either willing or forced to fall off, their Embassies prevailing but little, or having not liberty to treat, the *Sun* is weak in his Fall, and *Saturn* and *Jupiter* are possessed of his dignities in part; he (*viz.* Kings, Emperours, &c.) have not power to prevail, many are dejected; *Mars*, who is disposed of by the *Sun*, is very powerful in a commanding Sign, with majestical *Stars* of his own nature, and hath great dominion in the Lunations preceding and subsequent, so that what he cannot effect by Martial policy (which indeed will be very prevalent) he will conclude by force and violence.

The *Moon* at the time of the Conjunction, is in or near to an opposition of the Conjunction, disposed of by *Mercury*, who is malevolently posited in that treacherous and pernicious Sign *Scorpio*, lately in Square with *Mars* his Dispositor, the place of the *Moon* being near the same, as at the great Conjunction, and of the Comet 1652. Good God! what a multitude of factions and unsettled Judgements there are also in some places, that will plot, contrive, and oppose the Superlative Consultations of the Superiours, and cause Tumults, Insurrections, and various Disturbances, though to their own destruction? She is elevated above the *Sun*, if we either consider her as being in a commanding Sign, & so great North Declination; or her position in the figure of the preceding Lunation. And, *Si magna conjunctio fiat utri-*

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pliate Ignea, & Luna elevatur supra solem; rebellatum populi adver-
sus proprios principes. Anon. 65.

When first I had thoughts of writing upon this Conjunction, and considering the great dominion of *Jupiter* therein, and that there was no malevolent Aspects among the Planets, or to the Conjunction it self, except those of the *Moon* and *Mercury*; but that the *Sun* a little before, even then when they were within one degree of their Conjunction, was in *Sextile*, first to *Jupiter*, then to *Saturn*, translating the *Sextile* vertue of *Mars* to *Jupiter*; of both to *Saturn*; *Mars* applying by *Trine* to the Conjunction; these being the whole (or the general) Configurations of the Planets at and about the time of the Conjunction; I say, considering these, I had thoughts much good might have been expected from the effects of the Conjunction, that is to say, that Tranquillity and Peace should have been established, Religion and Religious men propagated, encouraged, and purely and with sincerity exercised; just and wholsome Laws, Priviledges, and Customes, restored and executed; without doubt there will not onely be much endeavour used to promote these things in several places of the world, but also there will be at some times, and in several places, an accomplishment thereof.

But when I found *Saturn* to have also such power by accident, and that he did suppress *Jupiter* by being more elevated, and neer his *Aphelion*, so that he would not onely have great power and prerogative in swaying the Consultations and Affaires of the world; for these next twenty years especially (for the Conjunctions of the year 83. are in his detriment) but by this his remote distance from the Earth, he operates closely, subtilly, and with some kind of moderation in his Counsels; and observing also that the Conjunction was in Opposition to the last *Comet*, which in its motion opposed the place of the *Sun*, the *New Star*, and the great Conjunction it self; it gives us cause to fear that which hath been already mentioned, viz. that a malevolent kind of Spirit, will both in matters Politick and Ecclesiastick, cunningly, and for self-ends, endeavour to subvert and suppress those more sober and honest intents endeavoured for the peace and tranquillity of the People, Nations, and Kingdomes.

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These things (I say) have been already mentioned; yet let me not be blamed for repetitions, since they are the substance in general of the whole matter; and indeed I am warranted by *Cardano*, *Repetitio in hac sciencia necessaria est, vel ob difficultatem, vel ob necessitatem, vel ob utilitatem inveniendam, vel ob contradictionem*; That repetition in this Science is necessary, either by reason of the difficulty, necessity, great benefit, or to avoid contradiction.

In page 4. of the *Prophesical Merline*, there is a very notable observation of *Ganevetus* upon a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, wherein *Saturn* was most elevated; *Quod potestas Ecclesiastica in multis partibus opprimitur a temporali potestate, maxime in substantiis Ecclesiasticis*; That therefore the Ecclesiastical power in many places will be suppressed by the Temporal, especially in their substance and Ecclesiastical benefits; so will it be endeavoured in many places of *Europe* from the influence of this Conjunction.

But that which *Sir Christopher Heydon* observed in the great Conjunction, is also observable here in this, *viz.* that as *Saturn*, who is the president of Antiquity, doth challenge such prerogative to himself, by being so elevated above *Jupiter*, and will therefore endeavour to carry on his pernicious and subtil Stratagems; yet is the New Stars place elevated above the place of *Saturn* in this Conjunction also, for though *Saturn* had 1 deg. 18 min. North Latitude, the Star had 1. 54. or thereabouts, by the consent of all Observators, which may therefore further confirm our judgement in this, that although a Saturnine, Close, Hypocritical, and Jesuitical kind of people, may carry on their designs never so privately at some time, when they have the most convenient opportunity, yet at length must those privacies be discovered and by the influence of this new light, whether it operates in new Laws, Customes and Privileges, in matters civil; or in new Decrees, Orders or Discoveries in matters Ecclesiastical, shall all those malevolencies signified by *Saturn*, be at length not onely brought to light, but also very much suppressed, if not totally subverted. The *Moon* also after her opposition to the Conjunction, applying to the Trine of the *Sun*, doth well signify and confirm such Discoveries.

But for the further discovery of the Events attending this Conjunction,

junction, let us consider the place in which the Planets are conjoyned; For, *In magnis conjunctionibus, signum in quo apparet esse considerandum*; and so *Esenidus*, Fol. 17. when he comes to inform us of the quality of the Events, attending any eminent Eclipse, great Conjunction, or other notable Configuration of the Stars, *Hec sciuntur ex qualitatibus, formis & figuris signi conjunctionis, & signorum in quibus stella erratica & non erratica consistunt*; This is known (saith he) from the qualities, forms and figures of the sign of the Conjunction, and of the Signs in which the fixed Stars and Planets are.

As for the qualities of the Sign, it is the chief prerogative of *Jupiter*; and therefore the actions of the Conjunction, generally for the next twenty years, will operate much in matters of Religion, much endeavour being used in many places, and accomplished in others to the reformation and correction of the abuses thereof; but there must also be in many places a change of Laws and Customes, which *Jupiter* also signifies, and a restauration of others, because it happens so neer to a Tropical point; which by the 84. of *Dafipodus*, *Significat mutationem Aeris, legum, morum, &c.* signifieth a sudden change of the Air, of Laws, and Manners of men.

But it may be some will say, It was not in the Tropick of *Capricorn*, or in that Sign. To which I answer, that seeing they have equal declination, and the place of the Conjunction, having but very little variation from the declination of the Tropick, the judgement holds good.

So that from hence I say, that besides what is signified in matters of Religion, in which there will be much to do, in those places subject to the Sign of the Conjunction (what if you here of a new Council?) there will also happen great alteration of Laws, Customes, and Privileges, (and those mutations rather to the better, new Honours and Dignities conferred upon the Nobility and Gentry.

But not onely the Sign itself is herein considerable, but also the *Triplicity* to which it pertains; and that is the first and chiefest of the whole *Zodiack*, which is said to be governed by *Sat* and *Jupiter*, and therefore by the 67 of *Dafipod*, signifies the ordaining or constitution of some new Empire or Monarchy in the world.

world, which must continue in great Glory and Majesty ; many wise and famous men do also appear ; and though *Mars*, who by the Ancients hath a general prerogative in the *Fiery Trigon*, may at some time excite Wars and Commotions, yet they continue not long ; Peace in most places is suddenly concluded, and there will be Tranquility in the world generally for the succeeding twenty years ; but there will be great Drought and Barrenesse, by reason the Planets are more hot and dry than moist ; and this is confirmed by *Campanella*, which was mentioned before ; and indeed all others have attributed the greater and more superlative Events to proceed from the Effects of this *Triplicity*, *Miros effectus producit magna conjunctio in signo Regio. Avon. 292.* A Great Conjunction, in a Regal Sign, produceth wonderful Effects ; by *Regal*, here is understood the signs of the *Fiery Trigon*, according to that of *Cornel. Gemma. Elementi Igne predominium ad reges civitatumque praefectos, enim ignis agendi efficacia maxime valet ;* The pre-dominion of the Element of Fire pertains to Kings and Governors of Cities, for the efficacy of Fire prevail-eth especially in acting ; and when it exceeds its bounds, it breaketh forth with a horrible heat and violence dissipating and consuming all things.

Eschidus, Fol. 17. doth also inform us, *Quod conjunctio magna, si fuerit in signo Igneo, significat siccitatem & destructionem, & gravitatem infortunii.* That great Conjunctions, if they happen in *Fiery Signs*, drought, destruction, and the greatness or heaviness of Misfortune is signified thereby to happen. And although (as formerly I noted) this Conjunction cannot be said to be Great, because it is not the first that is made at their return into the *Fiery Trigon*, yet for the reason before given, seeing after the intervening of a Conjunction in a Sign of contrary nature, they now make conjunction, not onely in the same *Trigon*, but in the same Sign in which the great Conjunction happened, so that as it may be said to be a restitution of the *Fiery Triplicity* in general, and a promotion of the effects of the great Conjunction in particular, therefore the Judgements pertaining to great Conjunctions are applicable to this.

But *Eschid. Tract. 1. Distinc. 4.* doth further teach us, That, *Sagittarius cum fuerit aquidistant in Sagittario; accidunt hominibus bubones,*

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cum vehementibus doloribus oculorum, interfectio ex parte orientis, angustia mulierum, locusta, & mortem in arboribus; When Saturn hath dominion in any great Eclipse, Conjunction, or in the resolutions of the years of the World, and be equidistant in *Sagittary*, there will happen such distempers among men, as will cause Sores and Boyls (I doubt he means the Plague) and vehement griefs in the Eyes; there will happen much Sorrow and Anguish among women, Slaughters among men from the Oriental parts; Locusts also will abound; and there will be a great Mortality among Birds; *Si fuerit ejus latitudo septentrionalis, significat statum ventorum, nisi versperinus siccitatem.* And if this Latitude be North (as now it is) and vespertine, he signifies great blasts of Winds, and also Drought.

And because *Jupiter* hath also such great prerogative, he informs us in the same Distinction, and fol. 25. what *Jupiter* signifies when he rules and is in *Sagittary*, *Significat multas infirmitates hominum ex dolore capitis, & precipue in quarta autumnale; moriem in bestis & precipue in bovis, multas pluvias; Frigus mediocre in principio hyemis, & fortitudinem ejus in medietate ejus, & nives & destructionem panis & fructuum, cum vehementia Caloris in quarta aestivali, & durabilie ventorum orientalium, &c.* viz. that he also signifies many Infirmities among men from grief in the head, especially in the Autumn of those years in which *Jupiter* rules; there will be a mortality among Beasts, especially among Oxen and such great Cattel; in the Winter a mediocrity of cold, but much rain in the beginning thereof; there will be a destruction of Corn and Fruits, by reason of the vehement heat and drought of the Summer, and the long and tedious Easterly winds, which if his Latitude be also North and be Vespertine, he helps forward or encreaseth the great blasts and gusts of winds.

Thus *Jupiter* as he is oppressed by *Saturn*, may signify such Enormities, which God divert, especially from this our Native Countrey: And indeed, seeing *Mars* is so powerful in the Conjunction, and that *Aries*, which is the reputed Ascendant of *England*, is no wayes afflicted; I do believe that the malevolency of the Effects generally operates upon Foreign parts, more especially as to the mutation of Laws, Religion, Customs, Governments, and such like, rather then in *Engl.* yet by reason of the fore

forementioned position of the *Moon* and *Mercury*, some Disturbances, Seditions, Insurrections and Conspiracies there will be, though to the destruction of the Contrivers, because of the debility of both the *Moon* and *Mercury*: And the next Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, Anno 1664. co-operating, it may be feared, the Plague, or some pestilent Disease will afflict us, especially in the year 1665, and 66. (from which once again I pray, *Good Lord deliver us*;) were it not for these (I say) the Conjunction promiseth well to *England*. But of this more by and by.

But the same *Escudus*, Fol. 40. yet further tells us what may be signified by a Great Conjunction, or an Eclipse in *Sagittary*; *Apparebunt in circuitibus & Regionibus super quas dominatur, fortitudo Regum & Nobilium, & providentia eorum & aborum ex populis; multa fraus, ingenium largitas, congregatio pecuniarum & dispersio earum; agritudines multa, & infirmitates ex sanguine, dolor impregnatum, multi lupi & bestia nociva*; That then in those places subject to the dominion of that Sign, the Kings and Nobles will fortify, and be more than ordinarily provident for themselves and their allies, and that by the help and assistance of the people; for there will be much collection, or gathering and dispersing of moneys, wherein as well as in other things there will be much fraud and deceit used among men; yet will there be many wise and famous men, who will be very bountiful of their Knowledge and Understanding: But among other things he tells us of many Sickneses and Infirmities that the body of man will be afflicted withall, from the corruption of Blood, and that women will suffer much grief in their conceiving and bearing of Children.

And this may very well be, for at the *Revolutional Figure Jupiter* is Lord of the Fifth; so also at the *Postventional New Moon*, neer which place the Conjunction happens, and at the *Full Moon* preceding it happen'd in the Sixth: so that not onely various Diseases will afflict the bodies of men in those places, but women will be subject (as our Author sayes) to conceive with grief and pain; there will be many abortive Births, with difficulty and hard Labour in Child-bearing; yea, as the Sign is *Bilecorporal*, I judge there will be more than ordinary Monstrous Births.

Births in divers places; and withall we may rationally conjecture, according to that of *Cardane* in confirmation thereof, *Seg. 2. Apb. 204.* that during the Effects of this Conjunction, some Great Person will be born, which must be very instrumental in those grand action and affairs of the World, which are signified by this Sabbatical return of the Superiours; and that the end for which this man is born, or the general intent of his attempts, is to change Laws and Religion, that is, for the reformation and correction of the abuses thereof, which will be performed by great difficulty, and with many obstructions: But to return to our Author.

There will be many hurtful Beasts, as Wolves, and such like, which in those places subject thereto, will encrease and do much hurt; and if it happen in the Autumnal quarter, and in the North part of the Sign, it prenotes great Winds and Destructive.

And not unworthy of our notice it is that the place of the Conjunction is neer the *Aphelion* of *Saturn*, as was before noted; but that which adds much thereto, is, that the next Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* is neer the very degree thereof; *Sc Saturnus se loco in quo dignitatem habet, gens amiqua locū inhabitans quemcumque, delecta non erit, neque de loco suo extracta, & propter naturam Saturni, multiplicatur per mundum odia, rancores, turbationes, famēs & infirmitatum species;* If *Saturn* be in a place where he hath dignity, an ancient people inhabiting in what place soever, shall not be drawn forth, or overcome in their places or habitation; but by reason of the malignant nature of *Saturn*, Hate, Rancour, Trouble, and divers kinds of Infirmities will be multiplied. And besides that Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* happening so neer the place of the *Sun* in the great Conjunction, it points out great Detriment to some great Potentate, or Death, or some violent Casualty to some Eminent persons of *Europe*, especially to such as had their Original of Greatnesse from the Effects of the great Conjunction *Anno 1603.* But more particularly where, I shall acquaint you by and by: and by the 7 *Segm. Apb. 124.* there will be great Drought and Barrennesse, Conflagrations or great Destruction by Fire, during the effects of that Conjunction, which will continue till the latter end of the year 1666.

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but I have no more to say to this Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* here.

These are the general judgements of the Ancients upon these and such like Configurations of the Celestial bodies when they happen in this Sign, which as it is Regal and Humane, prenotes such actions as are more peculiar to Man, viz. to matters of Church and State, of Religion, and things Civil and Politick; and among men, Kings, Emperours, and the greatest Potentates of the Earth, are principally concerned; and as the *Fiery Triplicity*, it may well signify great Drought, Barrennesse, or Scarcity, Conflagrations, or sudden and vehement Desolations by Fire, hot and pestilent Diseases in the bodies of Men, strange Meteors, or fiery Apparitions in the Air; some New Star or Comet appears not long after; some say or conjecture, in the year 1664. I fear a great Plague in sixty five or sixty six.

And of this Trigon, wherein *Jupiter* hath a general dominion, this Sign wherein there hath been so many Conjunctions of the Planets, is the proper and chief prerogative of *Jupiter*, which certainly intimates to us some grand Counsels or Consultations about the Reformation of Religion, Laws, Customes, and Privileges; *Venus* also hath something to do there, the Conjunction being in her Term according to the opinion of *Ptolemy*, and the *Egyptians*; therefore much endeavours there will be for Peace and Tranquillity, many Treaties and Embassies for that purpose; But seeing it falls in the Constellation of *Scorpio*, and that *Jupiter* and *Venus* are so afflicted by the presence of *Saturn*, it portends not onely a pestilent and unwholsom Air, prejudicial to the bodies of Men, but that even in the very Courts of Kings and Princes there will be much treachery, fraud, deceitful and pernicious Counsels, many that pretend fair, but perform little or nothing.

The Conjunction happens in the second *Decanate* of the Sign *Sagittary*, which is disposed of by the *Moon*, who generally signifies great mutability and oft change of Affairs; She is unfortunately posited and disposed of in the Figure by *Mercury*, who disposes of the first Decade of this Sign, in which the great Conjunction happened, and which according to *Albumazar*, *Jo. Angelus*, and others, signifies Boldnesse, Liberty, & War. This Decade of the *Moon* signifies Weeping, bodily Sorrow, Fear, as if we

should say, that seeing the actions or effects of the *great Conjunction* shall be in a very great measure excited & put in agitation from the influence of this Conjunction of the year 1663, and although from thence there is generally much good to be hoped for from the influence of *Jupiter* and *Venus*; yet seeing there are a sort of people in the world, who will take the boldnesse to plot, contrive, seduce, and under the pretence of Liberty, Religion, &c., endeavour to raise Sedition, War, or such kind of Rebellious Disturbances; so from the influence hereof will they bring destruction to themselves, and great Fear, Sorrow and Lamentation to others.

And if the judgement of *Proclus* upon Eclipses, when they happen in any, or in the several *Decanats* of every Sign, may be applied to Conjunctions (which method is generally used by *Escuid.*) then are we further confirmed of what shall generally happen, *viz.* from the first Decade in which the great Conjunction happened, is signified Seditions among men, many will be averse to Peace and the accommodation of Treaties, each man fearing and finding deceit from others he deals with, may even among Princes there will be much delusion one of another, amongst the vulgar there will be many Thefts and Robberies, Cheats and Rapines; and indeed as much is signified by the *Moon* and *Mercury* in the Conjunction.

From the second *Decanate*, in which this Conjunction happens, and in which was the New Star of the year 1604, he tells us of a Mortality, or Murrain and Destruction among the greater Cattel, and such as are most useful for the food and sustenance of Man; the Seas are extraordinarily molested with Pirates, as well as the Land with Thieves.

From the last *Decade* (wherein the second Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* happens, which we are to consider) *Proclus* tells us, that also signifies destruction to Horses, and great prejudice to such Armies as are then on foot; matters will go very hardly with the Nobility in many places, many of which will rashly and wilfully undo or prejudice themselves to no purpose, others, are very subtil and crafty for themselves, averse to the counsels of others, or very slow to that which is good; the Plague, and other great Evils do afflict mankind, Consumptions abounding more than ordinary.

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And seeing the accidents signified by this *Triplicity* are the most superlative, it is worthy our notice that those transactions are the more excited by the positions of other Planets, for not onely *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, but we have *Mars* and *Venus* also in this *Triplicity* posited, applying to a Trine at the time of the Conjunction; And therefore by the 38. *Propos. of Lud. de Reg. Quanto nobilior est Ignea triplicitas, triplicitate aquea, tanto dignior est aerea triplicitas, triplicitate terrea; Ideo cum videris tres planetas fortes in triplicitate ignea vel aerea, non festines iudicium, nec idem tradas in rebus parvis, maxime si Sol sit in ea triplicitate, &c.* By how much the *Fiery Triplicity* is more noble than the *Watry*, by so much is the *Aiery Triplicity* more worthy than the *Earthly*; therefore when thou seest three (or more) Planets strong in these or either of these two *Triplicities*, be not hasty to give judgement, neither deliver the same in small matters, especially if the *Sun* do behold them, or be also therein, or two of the Superiours. This is also the advice of *Cardane*, which I mentioned before.

In this Conjunction all the superiour Planets, *Saturn*, *Jupiter*, and *Mars*, were in this *Trigon*, *Venus* in the Sign of the Conjunction it self, the Full *Moon* preceding was in *Aries*, and the *Sun* in *Libra*, a Sign of the *Aiery Triplicity*, and the tenth of the great Conjunction; so that these are yet further testimonies, that not onely from the great Conjunction, but also from this of the year 1663. are great and superlative alterations and transactions signified to happen in the world, generally for this next twenty years; the particulars of which you have heard at large, among which this also is to be added from the position of the *Sun* in the tenth of the great Conjunction; that some great Persons or Potentates of *Europe*, who have been much depressed and detrimented in their Honours and Dignities, will not onely be restored to their former Prerogatives, but shall also have an enlargement of their Dominion, and Honour, and Renown, from the effects of this Conjunction, though others must be deprest; but in what places these shall be, I shall shew by and by.

But let us consider the *fixed Stars* also, that accompany, or do arise with the Planets conjoynd or configurated thereto, and have dominion therein; for so are we advised by *Ptolomy*, *Aph.* 96. *Considera etiam naturam stellarum simul consistentium, tum erra-*

dicarum tum fixarum, ac etiam simulacra' coorientia, & secundum hæc pronuntia. Consider also (whether it be in Eclipses, or in Greater and Lesser Conjunctions of the Planets) the nature of the Stars, as well of the Fixed as Erratical, and the Images coarsing, and according to these also pronounce judgement.

So Anonimus, Aphor. 254. *Ne obliviscaris Imaginum stellarum fixarum, in quibus accidunt Eclipses vel magna conjunctiones, quia secundum hæc accidunt notabiles effectus.* Forget not the Images of the Fixed Stars (nor the immovable degrees of the ninth Sphere, saith Rigel) in which either Eclipses or great Conjunctions do happen, because according to these, notable events do come to passe; For by the 19 of the same Author, *Efficacissima omnium in agendo sunt stella fixa, quia ea quæ causant ingenia sunt;* The Fixed Stars are most efficacious in action or operation, because those things which are caused or signified by them are the more famous and eminent; And Aphor. 20. *Imitantur naturam & actionem errantium, quare illarum actiones ad eas inferunt;* They do imitate the nature of the Planets and their actions, wherefore the actions of the Planets are transferred unto them. Not that these vertues, or such like operations, are to be altogether understood of the Fixed Stars themselves, but when joyned to the Planets, according to the 13 Aphorism of the same unknown Author; *Stella fixa non conjuncta planetis, multo minores effectus habent quam planeta ipsi, sed conjuncti planetis vehementissimos producunt effectus;* The Fixed Stars conjoyned to the Planets, do many times produce lesser effects than those Planets, whose vertues they assume; but joyned to the Planets they produce most vehement effects.

And here I cannot but give caution in the examining of the effects of those Conjunctions that happened in former times; that no wonder if there hapen some variation of the effects, seeing the Constellations are since varied out of one Sign into another, caused by the retrocession of the Equinoxes; *Multa actiones signorum mutantur, pro mutatione imaginum stellarum iis correspondentium in figura.* Anonim. 120. Many actions of the Signs are changed, by reason of the mutation of the Images of the Stars correspondent in Figure to these Signs.

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minutes in 100 years (that is a Sign in 2250 years) yet in time the whole Signs (and in some sence the Constellations, by reason of different declination) are varied; so that although (as I mentioned in the former part of this Treatise, *cap. 3.* of Great Conjunctions) the several restitutions of the Superiours since the Creation of the World, did happen in *Sagittary*, accounting their Longitude from the Vernal Equinox; yet reckoning the several Constellations from the First Star of *Aries*, we shall find a very great variation in this Age we now live in; for the place of the Conjunction now, *viz.* the 14 degree of *Sagittary*, is about the middle of the constellation of *Scorpio*; but by computation you will find that the first Conjunction which happened 3950 years before Christ, in the 8 degree of *Sagittary*, was in the beginning of the constellation of *Aquarius*, and so from one revolution to another they recede about 10 deg. and a half. But to return to our purpose.

The Constellation in which these Conjunctions do happen, is *Scorpio*, of a most viperous, wicked and malicious nature, false and deceitful, venomous and corrupt, so will many of the transactions thereby signified be, or the more wholesome and benevolent influence will thereby be polluted, retarded, and sometimes suppressed.

The Fixed Stars that are with the Planets conjoynd in that part of the *Asterism*, are not very eminent, because of small magnitude; *Stella fixa majores sunt efficaciores, parva imbecilles*; The greater the Stars are, the more efficacious; if they be of small magnitude, their influence is weak, *Disput. 45.* But those that are near the Ecliptick in that part of the Sign and Constellation, are of the nature of *Saturn* chiefly, but partly *Venus*; this adds to the power of *Saturn*, and indeed there are many small Stars of his nature near that place, so that *Saturn* will not want for Companions, Associates, and Assistants (though of themselves of less reputation and power) to carry on, and to connive at his subtilties, hypocrisies, and his private and cunning stratagems, whereby he would endeavour to suppress the more benevolent intents and endeavours of the Jovialist, both in matters of Church and State; how many pitiful sneaking fellows will there be, to attend and inroach into the Courts of Kings and Princes, and of Justice,
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and search into the Counsels and Consultations of the judicious & more pious Magistrates, for to promote such designs as those verily some such thing may be fear'd; but however such men may at some time, in some sense, carry on their cunning devices; and the judicious Magistrate, and pious Orthodox Divine may be the more retarded and hindered in their honest endeavours; before the effects of the Conjunction be expired (I will not say with *Alstedius*, that all) but the greatest part of this sordid, hypocritical, Romish and Jesuitical refuse will be purged away.

But with *Saturn* and *Jupiter* doth arise a most eminent Star, *viz.* the *Scorpions Heart*, for by reason of its great South Latitude it riseth in our Horizon with the 10 degree of *Sagittary*, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* about the 12. the Star is of the nature of *Mars* and *Jupiter*; this adds to the strength of *Jupiter*; *Venus* being also with the Star in Longitude, *Mars* also applying to the Conjunction by *Trine*, are of very good signification; *Jupiter*, or the Religious will struggle hard with the temporal powers, and by Martial Policy, rather than Violence, will evade the malignity of *Saturn*, *viz.* of that subtil sullen crew, that would pervert their Counsels and endeavours; For *Mars*, who signifies the Souldier, or the Military part of Kingdomes, is the most potent of all the Planets in the Figure, having about 27 dignities at the time of the Conjunction, and is chief dispositor of both the Lunations, *viz.* of the Full Moon before, and the New Moon after the Conjunction, and applying thereto by a *Trine*; This plainly intimates, that although he hath power to execute Violence, to conquer and destroy, yet will he use great policy and industry to mitigate and perswade (for the Stars with him are of the nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*) and by reason of his great strength will have power to prevail, and be a means to reconcile those differences and disturbances that might otherwise arise from those cunning, deceitful and Jesuitical Factions; and although *Mars* performs this by direction (or under the Authority) of his Superiours, yet is it much of his own care and prudence, that will be the means thereof. For *Sal.* who signifies *Kings, Emperours, Princes, and Rulers of Nations and Kingdomes*, and who disposeth of *Mars* in *Leo*, is of himselfe very weak, and in his Fall, the Fixed Stars with him are of the nature of *Mercury*, and partly

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Venus and *Mars*, very variable and uncertain in their operations; and so will the Affairs of Kings and some Monarchs be for these next twenty years, viz. great difficulty they will find to carry on the affairs committed to their charge, many dejected and suppressed, if not deposed; yet as he is in the tenth of the great Conjunction, some ancient Family or Potentate of Europe, is restored in some sense to his formerly lost Dignities, Rights and Privileges, though not so illustriously as formerly; others come to great Honour, though by the ruines of many of the Proprietors.

Venus, who disposeth of the Sun and is in reception, thereby signifying Kings, Favourites, Embassadors, Messengers, Women, Ladies, &c. She (I say) is with the Scorpions Heart, of the nature of *Mars* and *Jupiter*; she applies indeed to the Conjunction, but before she comes to the business, she becomes Retrograde; the Sign is double bodied; what double dealing, fear and neglect, doth she signify in those persons? what fair pretences, but slender performances? and what luxury and wantonnesse in excess, by such as have the profession of Honesty and Religion? how willingly would *Jupiter* entertain the friendly assistance of *Venus*, but cannot, she is at her greatest distance from the Sun, viz. hath gone as far as her Commission extends; and though unsatisfied, must be forced to come back and retire.

From *Mercury* we judge of Secretaries, Arts and Sciences, of Merchants and Scholars, Clerks and Scribes; he is most unfortunately posited in *Scorpio*, in Square with *Mars* his disposer; and those Stars that are in Conjunction with him, are of malevolent nature, viz. of the nature of *Saturn* and *Mars*; therefore great Detriment, Sorrow and Tribulation is portended to them; the Merchant suffers by Piracies and War, the rest by Cheats, false and counterfeited Writings and Accounts; And for certain he excites men, such as are intrusted with treasury and accounts, and such like, to Fraud & Deceit; many will be animated to notorious Robberies, others to Sedition and tumultuous Insurrections For,

With the Moon (who signifies the Common People in general) is divers Stars of the nature of *Mars* and *Mercury* especially, and by reason of her great South Latitude she receives vertue of some most eminent Stars, of the same malevolent nature; she is dis-

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posed of by *Mercury*, he by *Mars*; is in the 12th. from her own house, and dispositor of the 12. at the Luration and the Revolution of the World; but of the second at the Full *Moon* preceding the Conjunction; these are very bad testimonies of great Sorrow, Loss and Lamentation, that many of the Commonalty will sustain, by reason of their great inclination to Sedition, and Disturbance; others by the aforesaid Cheats and Robberies, and such like Enormities as are of the nature of *Mars* and *Mercury*; and if the *Sun* signifies *Kings* and *Emperours*, the *Moon* particularly signifies *Empresses*, *Queens* and *Princesses*, both are ill posited, therefore both will be subject to great Misfortunes; hath any such any hand extraordinary in the affairs signified by the Conjunction, or do they seem to undermine, and privately by cunning Stratagems, endeavour to retard or oppose the more hopeful proceedings of Peace and Tranquillity, or of the grand Consultations now or to be on foot, for the propagating of the just Laws and Privileges of the People, or of Religion, and the most pure and holy Worship of God; God forbid there should be any such; but if there be, this malevolent disposition of the *Moon* tells them what great Mischief and Sorrow they bring to themselves, if not Destruction; and it may be feared such Enormities will happen in some parts of the world, during the effects of this Conjunction, for these are the reall and plain significations of the several positions and configurations of the Planets at the time of the Conjunction.

I only add this consideration, that as *Saturn* signifies the *Country-man*, in particular, viz. the *Farmer*, *Tecman*, &c. he being so benevolently irradiated at the Conjunction by both *Jupiter* and *Venus*, gives probable testimony, that notwithstanding his remote distance and oblique position from the Earth, viz. so neer his Aphelion, and greatest declination Southward, so that he cannot project his beams so forcibly (as Sir *Christopher Heydon* most judiciously observes, and proves by example) whence the Winter becomes more temperate and unseasonable; yet afterward shall the Farmer receive great plenty of Corn generally, except in those years when *Saturn* rules, and is malevolently posited and configurated; but as to other Fruits of the Earth, many times great scarcity,

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Perhaps some, who make a more curious search, may finde out some other niceties from hence, but these are the most principal; *Cardane, Sæm. 4. Aphor. 107.* doth also confirm this manner of judgement, *Magnorum principum Sol est significator, Jupiter autem magistratum, Mars operarium, Mercurium qui industria non labore aries perficiunt, Luna mulierum, Venus puellarum.* In general judgements the *Sun* is significator of Princes and great Men, *Jupiter* of Magistrates, *Mars* of Operators or Workmen, handy-crafts Tradelmen, *Saturn* of the Countrey-man, *Mercury* of those Arts and Industries as are performed without labour, but by Ingenuity, the *Moon* of Women in general, *Venus* of Maids.

But this we must observe, that whatsoever is signified by the other Planets from the former considerations, which do accidentally happen among themselves, yet the grand actions of this next twenty years are principally signified by *Saturn*, *Jupiter* and *Mars*; which although he hath great power and strength, yet not so as to signify much War, but rather, as was said before, by a Military Posture and Policy, keep a general peace in most parts of the world; the accidents of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* do spend themselves in superlative and serious consultations, but with great variation and uncertainty, because the Sign is double bodied.

But I conclude with that of *Dasipod. Aphor. 20. Res qua ex sideribus, ex generalibus constitutionibus eveniunt, non sunt una sed plures, & he varia atque multiplices.* Those things which do happen from the *Stars*, are not of one nature or signification, but many, and those various and multiplied. I therefore leave further search thereof, to such as can make a more curious inquiry therein, and come to

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The places where the Effects will most principally operate.

ALthough the conjunctions of the superiour Planets have the most general signification of Mundane affairs, and are most universal in their operations (as in the first part of this Treatise I proved) yet it must not be expected that the effects should operate in all places alike, but (as in the judgement of the Learned) those places subject to the Sign (especially) and its Triangle or Triplicity, and the Quadrangle, with consideration had to the situation of the Significators, whether to the North of the *Equinoctial*, or to the South, shall be most sensible of the Effects; for undoubtedly, according to those positions will those parts of the world be passive in the Effects, while those Conjunctions, Eclipses, or other of the Celestial appearances that doe happen in or neer the *Equinoxes*, do operate more universally, and have their influences more equally distributed throughout the World, as well on one side the *Equinoctial*, as on the other. *Dafipodius* 86.

This is also a certain rule, that those places of the world shall be subject most to the Celestial Influences, to which the Significators do most directly project their beams, *viz.* to which they are nearest *perpendicular*, and especially those which are under the dominion of the Sign in which the Significators are in.

Hence it is, that according to the 72 of *Lud. de Reg.* *Those Stars that have North latitude and declination, are more efficacious than those of the South;* For by the 55 of Doctor *Dee*, *Quo stella ejusdem mora super horizontem major fuerit, eo ad sua virtutis, &c.* they are not only the nearer the *Vertex*, but a so make a greater Arch above the *Horizon*, and by how much a Star doth make the longer stay above the *Horizon*, by so much more is he fitted by those his direct beams to make a stronger impression of his vertue over or upon those parts, and so on the contrary the lesser Arch or Stay above the *Horizon*, the more weaker the effects in those places.

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So then, seeing that not onely the places particularly subject to the dominion of the Sign wherein the Configuration happens, and the Triplicity and Quadrangle thereto belonging, according to *Protony*; but also by the 86 of *Anonym. Longitudo, Latitudo, & Declinatio Stella locum suorum effectuum in orbe terrarum significare possunt*; The Longitude, Latitude, and Declination of a Star, may signify the places of their effects; Let us consider where the most principal effects will manifest themselves.

Ptolomy attributeth *Europe* generally to the Fiery Trigon, *Dafipod. Aphor. 77.* saith also that *Trigonas Aries, Leonis, Sagittarii est Christianorum, &c.* The Trigon or Triplicity of *Aries, Leo, Sagittarius*, is the significator of, or doth most operate upon the Christians; And by *Cardane* upon the *Roman Empire*; which if set, then by the declination of the Planets, the Southern and South-east parts of *Europe* will be the most principal places designed for the operation of the effects, according to that *Maxime, Stella que septentrionalem habent latitudinem & declinationem in nos, quae vero meridionalem inhabitantes versus meridiem efficacius agunt.* Those Stars which have Septentrional or North latitude, or declination, do operate most among us that live more Northerly, but having South declination and latitude to those that inhabit more to the South, the effects are more efficacious.

The declination of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* at this their conjunction, is very neer the greatest they can be, onely having North latitude from the *Ecliptick*, doth diminish it somewhat, so that although all places more or lesse, will be subject to the effects, though in a different manner, yet without doubt those places that lie South and South-east will be the places where the grand effects of the Conjunction will most evidently and powerfully shew themselves.

But which are they (you'l say) according to the Prescripts of the Ancient and best Modern Astronomers? Answer;

First, under *Sagittary*, the place of the Conjunction, is *Spain, Portugal, Dalmacia, Sclavonia, Hungaria, Moravia, Misnia, Celtica, Tyrrhenia, Arabia the Happy.*

Under *Aries*, the first of this Triplicity, is *England, France, German, Suesia, Silesia*, the higher part of *Polonia, Burgundy*, part of *Denmark, Basteria, Syria, Palestine.*

Under *Leo* (the other Sign of this Trigon) is *Phœnicia*, *Chaldea*, *Orebinia*, *Gallia Togata*, *Italy*, *Sicilia*, *Apulia*, *Bohemia*, part of *Turkey*, *Emilia*, *Sabina*.

These are the places generally attributed to this Triplicity, wherein there is some discrepancy among Authors, which I shall not trouble my self or my reader with in this place; therefore, before I proceed further, let us examine what may more particularly happen in those places; seeing by the aforesaid *Aphorism* of *Dafipod.* the operations of the Celestial Bodies are of divers natures, and those as diversly operating in different places of the world.

But is *Spain* (especially) and those other Countries before mentioned, subject to *Sagittary*, wherein so many Conjunctions of the Planets, but especially this of the Superiours happen? I believe it is, then that and those Countries will be most highly concerned in the effects thereof, great consultations there will be about reformation of Religion, great debates between the Spiritual and Temporal Prerogatives; and nothing but the power of the Sword or Martial policy can make peace, the Religious much dejected and depressed, not onely by the temporal Powers and Authority, but even by those more private and hypocritical Functions, who are of religious Orders and profession.

Jupiter is Lord of the Sign, he doth not onely signify the King, but the Nobility also; *Saturn* afflicts both Sign and its Lord, both King and Kingdome, with Sorrow, Fear, Lamentation, Famine, or great Scarcity; the death of many Nobles; others dejected are cast out of their Dignities and Prerogatives, and others more base and sordid, by craft and subtilty, exalted therein, and pretending thereto by right from Antiquity.

The King of *Spain* hath *Sagittary* ascending at his Nativity, this Conjunction and those of *Saturn* and *Mars* happening therein, will undoubtedly produce very cross transactions in his consultations, produce death or detriment to his health ere the year 1666. be expired; which if he should die, there would be various contentions and differences about the propriety to the Crown beyond expectation; certainly as great are the consultations, so will great be the afflictions and sorrows of that Kingdome.

dome, and those other Kingdomes subject thereto, during the effects of the Conjunction, but more especially in the years 1664. 65, and part of 66. For besides the malevolent Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, that happens the latter end of the year 64. it is not to be neglected, that the Planet *Mars* comes by direction from his place at the great Conjunction 1603. to the degree of the said Conjunction, about those years, which undoubtedly will produce very notable events in the world, but especially in those places subject to the dominion of the Sign.

And seeing the accidents hereby signified (that is of the whole configuration of Heaven) must especially be of the nature of this Sign, because it is the place of the several conjunctions of the Planets, we are therefore to note, that as it is of the regal and most noble Triplicity, so are the most eminent persons of those places concerned therein, especially with whose Nativities the Conjunction or Conjunctions of the superiour Planets are concomitant.

Therefore not onely in those places (forenamed) under the rule and dominion of the Sign (of which *Spain* is chief, so also *Hungaria*) but also in other places, according to the quality of the effects, there to be manifested, this generally is to be understood, viz.

That those eminent persons who have the Sign *Sagittary* ascending at their Nativity, or of that Trigon, and neer the degree of the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, or of the New Star, those persons will be the most active in carrying on the affairs of those places; to the great good and satisfaction of the people thereof, and also greatly to their own advantage; but if the degree of their Ascendant be neerer to the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Mars*, or in Square or Opposition thereto, it portends great detriment to them, both as to the health of their bodies, great contentions, and other crosse transactions in their affairs; so likewise if it have the same respect to the place of the *Moon* at the time of their birth, and withall to those it portends much damage in publick matters, that is, to those that are in such employments or offices in those Kingdomes or places signified by this Sign.

Is there any great person who hath his *Medium Celi*, or place of

of the Sun, in or neer the place of the great Conjunction or new Star, or our present Conjunction? those persons (without the malignity of the Infortunes) shall receive great Honour and Dignity, be very famous for heroick actions, and attain to most eminent repute and estimation in the world, by reason of their great Prudence, grave and wise Counsels, great Learning and Judgement; but on the contrary, if it happen in Square or Opposition thereto, the contrary happens——Deposition, Infamy and Disgrace (though their actions be never so wise and prudent) various contentions with Noble men, much detriment and obstruction in Affairs, and if it happen to be neer the place of the conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Mars*, it portends great danger of a violent death, or the more hurtful accidents to those persons, either in Life or Fortune.

But if it happen neer the part of Fortune, or second House, or place of *Jupiter*, or other significators of the substance or Fortune of any person (especially I say of such persons as are of eminency, and concerned in the affaires of those Kingdomes and places where they inhabit, to them it prenates an addition of riches and fortune, &c. *Et sic è contra.*)

These are the persons particularly concerned in the effects of these eminent Configurations; those that are studious in this Science, do know this to be a general truth, being sufficiently warranted by the authority of the Learned herein. Thus *Junctio de Eclipsibus*, pag. 307. which we may also apply to greater or lesser conjunctions of the Planets; his words are, *That those Eclipses (or malevolent Conjunctions of the Planets) that do happen in or neer the Horoscopes, or other principal places of the Nativity, do portend some eminent evil, either to the body or vital substance, or plunged into many misfortunes, which cannot be avoided without great difficulty; and if other malevolent Configurations at the Birth do also concur, or some bad direction at that time, many times Death or violent Casualties do happen.* But as to the Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, we must observe this distinction, that when they happen in those eminent places of the Radical Figure, they portend good (except prevented or diminished by some malevolent rayes therein) or some contrary direction or revolution; but if in Square or Opposition thereto, evil is signified, but in a different manner to diffe-

different persons, and the variety of the significations at the birth.

And this also is worth our notice, that those persons who are thus concerned in the effects, if *Saturn* shall be Lord of any of their Genitures, or have most dominion therein, those persons will be very active to put forward the influence of *Saturn* in the Conjunction, viz. will act very politickly, privately, cunningly, &c. and so on the other side those who are signified by *Jupiter*, will suffer and be suppressed, however will act very wisely, prudently, faithfully, and zealously, both in matter politick and Ecclesiastick.

These things I say are generally known to the more judicious, though not sufficiently considered by all; and those that either have (or may have) their Nativities carefully rectified, and that without wrangling, (of which too many professors are guilty) may hereby see how much they are concerned in this or any other Configuration of Heaven; For my own part I shall not presume to meddle or take any publick notice of any Nativity whatsoever of our English Worthies; what I am otherwise or more privately employed to do, I shall be faithful therein; some there are, I am very sure, that are highly concerned in the effects hereof. But enough of this.

There are yet other places subject to the Influence hereof, besides *England*. what are under the dominion of this Sign, as you may perceive by what is mentioned before: For under *Aries* all Authors say is *England, France, Germany, &c.* if so, *Mars* is the most potent Planet in the Figure in Trine to his own House, the Sign of the Conjunction is also of the *Trigon* Arguments of the power and fortitude of these places against all Forein or Domestick Adversaries or Disturbances; this shews in what an excellent Military posture we shall generally be in for the preservation of our selves and our friends, from or against all Insurrections and Rebellions, sudden Commotions, Tumults, or other seditious Conspiracies, that may casually happen. And indeed if *Gemini* be the Ascendent of *LONDON*, which is the Metropolis of *England*, and also part of the Nation according to some, the unhappy position of the *Moon* therein, and of *Mercury* her dispositor, doth evidently denote that there will happen such Enormities therein, greatly.

greatly to the prejudice of the Contrivers and the Fomenters thereof.

And indeed, were it not for these or such like mischiefs, that ever and anon will break forth, from the exasperated spirits of a seditious multitude; this Conjunction of it self portends in general great Tranquillity to the Kingdome of *England*; for seeing that preposterous Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, Anno 1643. did in a large manner excite, put forward & augment these Commotions, Rebellions, and by all manner of violence and illegal practises, suppress and subvert all former Laws and Customes, Governments, Rights and Privileges, &c. so now from this restitution of the Superiours into this Trigon again, and more especially as it is the same Sign, in which the great Conjunction and the New star the following year happened, may rationally be conjectured, not onely the abolishing of all those exorbitant abuses both in Church and State, and all former Rights, Customes and Privileges restored and firmly established, yea even many of those who have been stiff opposers thereof, shall be reconciled and become conformable thereto, and the rather, because there will be much endeavour used for the correction of the abuses of Laws and Religion; these were generally mentioned before, but now particularly applied to this our Kingdome and Nation of *England*.

We are now at the time of this Conjunction, through the providence of God, at peace with all Nations, I think, in the world, and indeed, generally are like so to be, nor can any forein Adversary attain any victory or advantage over us, should they attempt it; No, the Kingdome of *England* for this next twenty years especially, will continue in great honour and glory, great Peace and Tranquillity (except some home-bred differences and disturbances, which (I hope) will not continue long:) Nay, it seems probable to me, that *England* and those other places under the domination of the Sign *Aries* shall be very instrumental, either by Martial power or policy, to put a period to the Enormities and Differences that either are or shall be among other Nations; in which some by very eminent heroick attempts attain to very great honour and dignity, or do in a large measure excel others, both in action and renown.

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Thus much as to the National affairs in general, from the effects of the Conjunction it self, or from its proper Significators; but as to matters Physical, or from the natural Effects, give me leave to add what (indeed) is already mentioned, viz. that seeing after those preceding Conjunctions of *Saturn* & *Jupiter* in the *Fiery Trigon* there hath happened great Plagues in *England*, as in the year 1605. and 1625. so may we fear the like to happen amongst us, either in the year 1664. or rather, and more especially in the year 1665. by reason of the malevolent Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in the latter end of the year 1664. which will operate most forcibly in the following year; and some there are who have with good reason conjectured, that seeing after the Conjunction of the Planets in this *Trigon*, usually some Comet or New Star hath consequently happened, as the more notable *Prodromus* of those eminent accidents to succeed, so is it conceived that some such may ere long be expected to be visible to the inhabitants of some parts of the Earth, whereby those accidents signified by this and the other conjunctions of the Planets, may be more evidently presignified and foreseen, and that thereby the future purpose and will of the *Almighty* may take more impression upon the hearts of the sons of men.

France, which now is not generally at variance, or in any actual hostility with none, (except the present *Pope*) is also promised well from this Conjunction, viz. that they will alwayes be in an excellent posture of defence, and sufficiently capable of maintaining their dignity and prerogative against all opposers; but generally Peace and Tranquillity is promised that Nation for these next twenty years; nor will that difference that now is between the King and *Pope*, long continue, without reconciliation, yet with some restrictions and amendments, greatly to the honour and benefit of the Kingdome, and satisfaction of the French Nation.

Germany; and the whole Empire, now much threatned, and in great danger of the Turk, ere long will be delivered from that Egyptian or Babylonish Cruelty, howe they may suffer and be in great fear of desolation and destruction at present, and may be so for a time; the power of *Mars* is such, and so friendly in general to those people and Countreys, that either by the power, po-

licy, or treaties of some Christian Princes, it may be hoped that ere the year 1664. be expired, all or the greatest part of that fear will be diminished, if not wholly extirpated, though some Countreys that are under the dominion of the other Signs more unfortunate, will suffer more than ordinary.

For *Hungaria* is under the dominion of *Sagittary*, where hath already been a malevolent Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, and another to succeed in the same Sign, before the Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* will forcibly manifest themselves; *Denland*, *Prussia*, &c. are under *Cancer*, and the *Moon* is afflicted.

Bohemia is under *Leo*, which Sign is sorely afflicted by *Mars*, viz. Wars, Fires, Plague, and such like evils of the nature of *Mars*.

Austria is under *Libra*, and *Venus* is going retrograde before she comes to the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, or the Trike of *Mars*, and so other Countreys and places of the Emperours Dominions, lying under the Jurisdiction or Dominion of other Signs, must accordingly expect to be sensible of the effects signified by the disposition of their proper significators.

Under *Leo* (as was noted before) it seems are *Italy* in general, *Rome* in particular, *Sicilia*, *Bohemia*, part of *Turky*, the city of *Prague*, *Syracuse*; *Mars* I say afflicts that Sign, and the *Sun*, who is ruler thereof is in his Fall; therefore to those places are great calamities threatned by Fire, the Sword, Uproars, Tumults, Murthers, grievous Contentions and Quarrellings, deposition of many Nobles, Princes and Rulers, from their Honours and Dignities, without hope of restitution, Death and Destruction to others; *ROME*, many or most of these Enormities are threatned thee; if peace be not speedily concluded with the French King, great detriment is thereby threatened.

But besides the *Triplicity* we are to observe those places also subject to the *Quadrangle*, for to determine the places of the Events, viz. of *Gemini*, *Virgo* and *Pisces*, *Gemini* is the the Sign opposite to the Conjunction, in which the *Moon* is, and very weak; and under this Sign is part of *Flanders*, *Brabant*, the Dukedome of *Wittenburg*, the Cities of *Norremberg*, *Corduba* in Spain, *Turin*, *Bruges* in *Flanders*, *Mentz*, *Kitzing*, *Hasford*, *Bamberg*, and divers others; *Mercury* you have heard is very much depressed and afflicted by the Square of *Mars*; so must all those places be, some with

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Tumults and Insurrections; notorious Robberies and Cheats; the common people in many places are dissatisfied, the Merchants and Tradesmen suffer great losse by Piracies and Thieves.

Under *Virgo* is *Achaia, Greece, Athens, Mesopotamia, Babylon, Assyria*, part of *Rhyme, Silesia* the lower: of Cities, *Jerusalem, Rhodes, Novarr in Italy, Paris, Lyons, Basil, Heydelberg, Erphord*: these are also under the dominion of the unfortunate *Mercury*, and must therefore expect to meet with suchlike misfortunes as are of his nature, which was mentioned before; among which *Paris* is like to suffer much by most notorious Fraud, Cheats, Mutinies, Tumults, and most horrid Villanies, secret Conspiracies, &c.

Under *Pisces* are *Portugal, Normandy, Cilicia, Galicia, Lydia, Pamphilia, Egypt* the higher, *Alexandria, Compostella, Rhodes, Wormes, Ratisbone*; *Jupiter* is Lord of this Sign, and *Venus* hath also exaltation therein, this promiseth well generally to those places, viz. a general peace, yet some new Monarchy or Government, or alteration of Laws and Customs, is also signified, and these more just and profitable to the people of those Nations than those they enjoyed before, or are more to their satisfaction; Christian Religion in those places where it is professed, is more zealously practised, there will be many corrections and amendments therein, many superstitious Ceremonies abolished, and a propagation or an increase of the knowledge of the Christian Religion in those places where it is yet scarcely begun.

But we are yet further to consider the Signs that are either afflicted by the Infortunes, and wherein the Planets are, or that are subject to the rule or dominion of the Planets; for according as those are well or ill dignified, so will the Event be in those places subject to the Signs; And this is the Doctrine generally and more plainly laid down in the *Proph. Matl.* pag. 90. than elsewhere I can find.

I conceive it most rational (saith the Author) First, to consider the Sign of the Conjunction; 2. The Angles of the Figure (if it can be obtained); 3. The Signs afflicted by the presence of any of the Infortunes; 4. Those places of Heaven the Conjunction casteth its Trine, Square, and opposite Aspects to; 5. The

Lords of those Signs and Quarters of Heaven they are in; And 6. Whether they are strong or weak?

According to which rule I judge, that as *Cancer* is the Ascendant of *Scotland*, so also of *Holland*, and that the *Moon* is weak, but in opposition to the Conjunction; there will much discontent and sorrow happen to many of the common people there, various murmurings and repinings, a giddy multitude unsatisfied, and endeavouring to oppose the consultations of their Superiours; But let me tell you, be not tumultuous, or endeavour to raise Sedition, nor strive to oppose the Resolves of your Superiours, lest you bring great Damage, if not Destruction upon your selves; verily it may justly be expected that some secret Conspiracies will be contriving and agitating in the Northern and North-W. parts from *England*.

Those other places subject to this Sign must also be passive in the Effects hereof, though in a different manner in several places; and they are, *Holland* (who I doubt will produce their own ruine by their obstinacy, breach of Peace and Articles) *Zealand*, *Prussia*, part of *Burgundy*, *Constantinople*, *Tunis*, *Venice*, *Genoa*, *Lucas*, *Millan*, *York* in *England*, *S. Andrews* in *Scotland*, *Lubeck*, *Wittenburgh*, *Corniz*, &c.

Next let us consider *Saturn*; under *Aquarius* is the South part of *Sweithland*, part of *Denmark*, *Westphalia*; of Cities *Hamborough*, *Breme*, *Salzhurgh*, *Ingoldslade*; &c. *Mars* afflicts this Sign by opposition, causing some Domestick broyls among them, various Strifes and Contentions, whence proceed Duels, Murthers, &c.

But nevertheless, *Saturn* being so assisted by the benevolent beams of the Fortunes, and the Conjunction being in *Sextile* thereto, promiseth well generally as to the affairs of those places, some matters of very high and superlative concernment is signified to be acted therein, the Merchants and Traders thereof finde good trading and returns of their Commodities; *Tartaria* the great, *Wallachia*, *Muscovia* also are subject to the dominion of this Sign, and accordingly will share in the like effects.

Norway is under *Scorpio* the other house of *Mars*, where *Mercury* is unhappily posited, and *Mars* himself casting his Square thereto,

thereto, the New Moon following being also in that very Sign, the Moon next applying to the Quartile of *Mars*, shewing the great misfortunes these people are likely to endure by War, Up-
roars, Rumours, Tumults, Shipwrack, and the like; yet *Danmark* generally will be free from molestations, and matters there very highly carried on.

Taurus the opposite Sign is the Ascendent of *Ireland*, *Poland*, the North part of *Swethland*; *Mars* is in square to this, and *Mercury* in opposition; nor can *Venus* help much, onely being so neer the place of the Conjunction of the year 1603. the first entrance of the superiours into the Fiery Trigon, may prenate the restoring of former Rights and Inheritances to the people; but withall there is portended some notable disturbances and Commotions, Plots and Conspiracies to break forth from thence; to great mischief, if not prevented.

Let it not be objected, that because I said the Conjunction doth chiefly extend its influence to the more Southern and South-east part of the world from *England*; why I mention some places more North; for seeing the influence of the conjunctions (both greater and lesser) of the Planets, especially of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, do more or lesse operate upon all places (though differently, according to the nature of the object or matter they are to work upon) but more especially upon those subject to the dominion of the Sign, whilst Eclipses, Comets, and such like prodigious appearances, do chiefly manifest themselves in those places to which they are visible: Therefore we may with good reason judge those places to have share in the effects; and besides the reasons in Art therefore given, this is further and more especially to be added, viz. that the effects are varied (both in Quality, Place, and Time) according to the difference of Meridians, and the elevation of the Pole; according to that of *Cardanus*, *Sejm. 5. Aphor. 98. Climates differentia faciunt, ut celerius aut tardius eveniunt*; the difference of climates maketh that the event may happen more swift or slow, sooner or later, which although it be chiefly applicable to the times of events, yet it is also to be considered as well to the quality what, and the places where such events will be manifested.

For example, the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* we now
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treat of, happened with us in *England* and some other adjacent places, not onely under the Earth, which signifies an obscurity of the effects, or that they may be retarded for a time, but being in and neer the Fifth House of the Revolution, and the *New Moon* following the Conjunction it self, may signify to us and those places many abortive Births, and some more than ordinary monstrous Productions, and that there should be many Treaties, Embassies and Messages of Peace; all which are signified by the Fifth House; but to those places that lie more Westerly, the Conjunction may fall in the Sixth, which signifies many Infirmities and Diseases, to others in the Seventh, betokening Wars, &c. And so on the other side to those places of the world that ly far Eastward, whether to the elevation or depression of the Pole, those places may have it in their third, second, or in the Ascendent it self, *Et sic de cæteris*; by which it appears how in all respects the effects are or may be varied; but to enlarge upon this is too great a task; let what hath been said in this Chapter suffice for the *Places*, and also in general the *Persons* concerned in the *Effects*.

CHAP. Ult.

*Of the most principal times wherein the Effects
will be manifested.*

AS this is the most necessary Doctrine of the whole, so is it the most difficult, having few or no precepts or presidents left us by Antiquity for instruction or certain direction to the discovery thereof; and indeed it is not enough to know onely the kinds or qualities of the Events, and the places most subject thereto, or concerned therein; but the great question is, when will those accidents signified by the Celestial powers appear, or more especially manifest themselves to the world? For it was a
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good observation, *Non semper eodem modo eveniunt, sed alias plus grassantur, alias minus*; That the effects do not alwayes come to passe after one and the same manner, but sometimes more forcibly, other whiles more remisse or with lesse force.

It hath been already mentioned, that seeing they are occidental of the Sun, and vespertine, can onely be seen in the evening, and that in the occidental part of Heaven, and that at the Lunations both before and after, as also at the Revolution of the year, the Conjunction was subterranean, thereby signifying an obscurity of the Effects, and that many things will not manifest themselves till the latter part of time determined for the influence thereof, according to that of *Almanfor Propos. 30. Cum planitie ponderosi fuerint occidentales à sole dabunt probatorem circa finem vite & e converso*; when the ponderous Planets are occidental of the Sun, they give proof, or do manifest their effects in the end or latter part of life: this is proper to Nativities especially; but as to the general influences it prenates, that in the latter part of time allotted for their operating, the grand Events shall manifest themselves to the world, matters being for a long time kept in great obscurity.

But for the discovery of the more particular year or years, wherein eminent transactions will fall out, the Rule laid down by *Protony* is this, *Conjunctionis locum, quo in loco ab anni ascendente est, inspicie, siquidem cum profectio illuc pervenerit tunc evenus erit*. Behold the place in which the Conjunction happens from the Ascendent of the year in which it is; for when the profectio comes thither, then shall the event be; so also saith *Almans.* in his 82 *Propos.*

The accidents or impediments that are to happen, will shew themselves in the years of profectio, when the year of the World comes to the bodies of the malevolents; give (saith he) to every Sign one year.

This is the general judgement of all or most of the *Ancients*, (which I shall not stand to repeat, but refer you to the 95. page of *Merl. Prophet.*) which Doctrine remains very dubious, and that for these reasons, which I must also give caution of, before I proceed any farther.

First, Profections of themselves, as they are generally taken,
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are not sufficiently demonstrative; for all Influences depending upon the harmony of some real Motion, this of Profection being not grounded (sufficiently) upon any, is therefore not unfitly questioned by some, and they the most judicious in Astronomy now living; yet not so, but that it may relate to something more rational, if understood: For (as I have sometimes had it from my ingenious friend Mr. Thomas Street) as *Directions* are the Harmony of the *Earths Annual & Diurnal* Revolutions about the *Sun*, so *Profections* (if any thing) are the Harmony of the *Moons Diurnal and Mensural* Revolutions about the *Earth*, and therefore more properly called *Lunar Directions*; but as in *Directions* founded upon these proportions, there is a great discrepancy from that method commonly used; so also is there in this kind of *Profection*; but I forbear further mention hereof in this place, and leave it to the consideration of the judicious, *Quicquid*, &c.

But secondly, another reason is taken from the difference of the *Ascendents* of revolutional Figures; for if they vary a sign from the truth, it causeth at least a year error in time; and it is apparent that some Theories differ more than a sign one from another, especially when it happens to be among those signes that are of more oblique (or short) ascensions; so that were there certainty in proportioning the times by profection, yet the uncertainty, or at least the discrepancy among Authors about the true *Ascendent* of the revolutional Figures, leaves the matter in doubt.

But because I would not be thought too critical, the rather seeing there are yet very judicious Artists that do not altogether relinquish this doctrine of *Profections*, let us examine in what time we may expect the Effects of our Conjunction to manifest themselves.

The *Ascendent* of the Revolution for this year 1663. is the 23. degree of *Leo* (by the *Caroline Tables*, which by a general consent of Observations is without doubt very near the truth) the place of the Conjunction is in the 14. degree of *Sagittary*; the distance is 3 signes 21. degrees, which being added to the time of the Conjunction *October* the 10th. 1663. viz. three years and two third parts; directs to the year 1667. about the middle of the year

year, wherein, according to this proportion, very superlative transactions must happen and appear upon the Stage of the World, in those places subject to the Sign *Sagittary*, very great counsels and consultations both in matters Politick and Ecclesiastical.

But if then matters do begin to manifest themselves more publickly, or many things then come to light that before were obscured, why shall not there be some more glorious actions, or some illustrious accidents to fall out, when by the same proportion the *Medium Caeli* comes to the place of the Conjunction, and consequently its Opposition?

The place of the *Med. Caeli* or the degree culminating in the Meridian of London is the 9th. degree of *Taurus*; one sign and about 5 degr. which gives in this measure of time one year and two moneths, viz. the latter end of the year 1664. at what time the mid-Heaven comes to the Opposition of the Conjunction; so that let us observe, if about that time we hear of some notable contentions and struglings among some Grandees and most eminent persons in the world, about some ancient Rights or Customes, &c. This must be understood to happen at that time with us in *England*, for in those places where the Meridian and elevation of the Pole is varied, the time accordingly is varied, which is also another reason of the scruple that may be made of this kind of measure of time, viz. because it cannot be universal, as other Rules and Directions are.

But if we also direct the Ascendent to other Planets in this manner, we may find that the Ascendent comes to the body of the *Sun*, about the latter end of the year 1665. which may also discover something of moment to the world, because the *Sun* was lately in *Sextile* to the Planets conjoyned; perhaps there appears some eminent person that would by policy and intreaty effect something to the composing of differences; but attempting and being willing to do more than he hath power to effect, falls of himself into some ignominy and disgrace. The *Medium Caeli* comes to the Conjunction, and to the Opposition of the *Moon*, towards the latter end of the year

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1670. or the beginning of 1671. which accordingly must produce the effects thereof in a most illustrious manner, because the influence of the Conjunction is then almost at the highest.

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For this is observable in Conjunctions (and also agreeable to the precepts of *Ptolomy* upon Eclipses) that the effects thereof do increase till they come to Opposition, which is about the middle of the time determined for the continuance of the effects, from one Conjunction to another, and after by degrees they decrease, or do operate more remissly, till excited again by the influence of another Conjunction, or remitted by some contrary Configurations.

This is to be understood of lesser Conjunctions, but may also be applied, and is as considerable in the effects of greater and mean Conjunctions, whose effects do last in general near two hundred years, whilst those that are called lesser Conjunctions, which happen every twenty yeares in signs of the same Triplicity, do accordingly intend or remit, increase or diminish, or do more particularly shew the times of the effects signified by those more eminent Configurations.

Our Conjunction (as I formerly mentioned) cannot properly be said to be great, being not the first entrance into the *Fiery Trigon*; yet as it may be termed the restitution thereof (by reason of that preposterous Conjunction of the year 1643.) the effects thereon depending must be the more eminent, or of the nature of a Mean Conjunction; and this the rather, because it is the fourth Conjunction since their entrance into this *Trigon*, which falling alwayes in the same Sign with the first Conjunction, and the effects thereof increasing, viz. in the first hundred years, is therefore (I say) the more forcible in exciting and manifesting the effects of the great Conjunction it self for the next succeeding twenty years; forasmuch also, as all the Planets come then to a Sextile of their own places; the like is to be understood of the mean Conjunctions.

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But for the intentions or remission of the effects by the Aspects (which was the first consideration in this digression) I shall have occasion to handle afterwards, these I thought necessary to premise.

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There are yet other wayes more safe (because more demonstrative) and more necessary (because universal) to all parties (though differently) of the world ; and these are Directions, Transits, lesser Conjunctions and Aspects of the Planets (especially of the Superiours) also Eclipses of the Luminaries, and what other configurations or appearances there may happen concomitant : These do most certainly shew the particular times of the events ; all which, as may be most necessary, I shall handle, not troubling my self or my Reader with niceties, or too many curiosities; such as are studious may wade further if they please.

These in themselves are not onely demonstrative and most rationally to be observed, but it is also the judgement of the ancient and modern Astrologians, as by these notable precepts will appear.

Non solum per revolutiones annorum civitatis vel mundi, aut sectæ cognitionem futurorum habueris, oportet enim directiones ipsorum principiorum considerare. Not onely by the revolutions of the years of the World, or of a City, or of a Sect, may'st thou have the knowledge of future events ; but it behoveth thee also to consider the directions of those Radixes or beginnings. *Ludov. de Rig. Aph. 44.*

Moventur nova mala in civitate, quando directio pervenerit ad quadraturam vel oppositiones infortunarum, &c. New evils are moved or stirred up in a City, when the direction cometh to the quadrature or opposition of the Infortunes ; which if they be retrograde, the evil will be the worse, &c. *Rig. Aph. 47.*

In magnis conjunctionibus mere directionibus, ut tempora grandium mutationum urbium & climatum cognoscas. Anonim. 245. In great Conjunctions use directions, that thou maist know the times of the grand Mutations of Cities and Countreys ; so also in the 293 *Aph.* of the same Author, he adviseth us to use Directions (yea, and Profections too) in the beginning of Sects, that we may know the accidents attending, which is also to be understood in all other Radixes.

The very same rule is prescribed in the 53 *Apher.* of another unknown Author ; *In maximis conjunctionibus & in nativitatibus*

urbium, & provinciarum, & gentium, utere directionibus pro inveni-
endo tempore eventuum; In great or the greatest Conjunctions,
and in the Nativities of Cities, Provinces, or People,
or Sect, use directions for the finding of the time of the
events.

But a more general and special Rule is laid down in 52 Aph.
*Eventus magna conjunctionis ad actum reducuntur, quando armmen
ejus pervenerit ad suam domum vel exaltationem, vel ab angulo fi-
gura conjunctionis redierint ad aspectum, vel quando constellatio E-
clipsis, vel annua revolutionis similis fuerit significacionis.* The
events of a great Conjunction are reduced to action, when
the chief significator thereof comes by direction to his own
house, or exaltation, or when they are taken from an Angle of
the Figure to an Aspect, or when the Constellation of an
Eclipse, or annual Revolution, shall be of like signifi-
cation.

Many more Aphorisms might be produced to this purpose;
but I must hasten: What hath been said of Directions, is also
as true in Aspects and other Configurations, according to that
of Cardane, *Non solum conjunctiones verum etiam oppositiones &
quadrati radii superiorum planetarum magnas in mundo mutationes
designant.* Not onely the Conjunctions, but also the Quadrat
and opposite Rayes, or Aspects of the superiour Planets (*No-
ta, the Aspects or Conjunctions of the Inferiours are little sig-
nificant, de minimis non curamus*) do produce great mutations in
the world, not that they enforce any thing contrary to the in-
fluence of the Conjunction, but being subordinate thereto, do
shew the times of the events. For by the 8 Propos. of Her-
mes, *Aspectus non potest diminuerre significacionem conjunctionis,
nam conjunctio fortior est aspectu.*

As for the method used in Directions, I shall wholly adhere
to Kepler, who directs all the Planets in the Ecliptick, allow-
ing the motion of a day for a year, which as in it self it hath
been sufficiently proved to be more harmonious, true and de-
monstrative, so in this case is it alone to be admitted, since for
the reasons already given, we cannot attain the true figure of
the Conjunction, so as to take the circles of Position to direct
in the Equator.

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And seeing, as hath been said, that in our judgements we are to take in the great Conjunction, and the new Scar of the years 1603 and 1604. I must therefore begin with those, and see what directions of any moment do fall within the limits of our present Conjunction. As for the Comet in fifty two, no certain directions can be gathered from thence, because of the uncertainty of its first appearance; and besides the influence properly of it self is diminishing, although something may now and then break forth.

The first Direction observable is that about the year 1663. 1663. or 1664. even neer the time, or at least within the year which this Conjunction happens, do the conjoynd Planets come to a Sextile of their own places, viz. to the place of the Conjunction; and consequently all the other Planets; so that from hence it may be hoped there may be great inclinations and endeavours to compose differences, especially such as have been formerly or not lately broached or begun; and who knows but the effects of *Mars* his Trine to the Conjunction, may produce much to that purpose about the time of the Vernal Ingresse 1664?

For about that time the *Sun* in the great Conjunction comes 1664. also to a Sextile of *Venus* in the 26 deg. $\frac{1}{2}$ of *Aquarius*, not far from a Trine of the *M. C.* thereof; the *Sun* signifies Kings, Emperours, and great men; *Venus* signifies Treaties, Embassies, by Marriages, and such like, many differences may be composed.

But in this year there happens a total Eclipse of the *Moon* in the 16 degr. of *Aquarius*, that is in Sextil to the place of the Conjunction, but in Opposition to the place of *Mars* therein; *Mars* at the time of the Eclipse is nigh to his place at the great Conjunction, and the *M. C.* thereof; is lately separated or separating from a Quartile of *Jupiter*; both Planets are in Cardinal Signs, the one in his fall, the other in his detriment; these are of no small moment, they prenote great detriment to some eminent persons, some of the Clergy in those parts called to question, some Uproars and Commotions are to be feared.

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The Eclipse is visible in *England*, and begins with us in the 11th. which signifies Favourites and Assistances of Kings and Princes; the Middle is the 10th. which signifies Emperours and Great Men in general; the End is in the 9th. which signifies Religion and the Religious, and shews the successs of Voyages and Adventures by Sea.

And that which is very observable is, that *Mars* after his separation from the Square of *Jupiter*, comes next to the Sextile of *Saturn*, who disposeth of the place eclipsed, and is posited very neer to the place of the *Sun* in the great Conjunction; so that the effects of this Eclipse will in a great measure put forward the influences of those preceding Configurations, and that the events are of a superlative nature, viz. do operate chiefly upon the most eminent persons and matters then acting upon the Stage of the world.

The Eclipse happens upon the 27 of *July*, but the effects will most forcibly manifest themselves towards the latter end of the year, or about the beginning of 1665.

The places more especially concerned are those that lie more Southward and South-east, and some that lie full East from *England*.

Aquarius, in which the Eclipse happens, signifies great *Tartaria*, *Amazonia*, *Sarmatia*, *Valachia*, *Muscovia*, the South of *Swethland*, *Westphalia*; of Cities, *Hamborough*, *Breme*, *Trent*, *Ingolstadt*.

Mars afflicts *Libra*, viz. *Austria*, with Fires and Commotions, if not Wars; so also *Lisbon*, *Vienna* in *Austria*, *Frankford*, *Antwerp*, &c. And if *Capricorn* be the Ascendent of *Oxford*, *Jupiter*, who represents Scholars and Divines, and men of Religious Orders, is unfortunately posited therein, and afflicted by the Quartile of *Mars*: God grant Unity and Peace among the Reverend Clergy, and deliver the City from Fire and Pestilence.

Towards the latter end of this year also is that other Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars*, neer the place of *Sol* and *Venus* in the great Conjunction, which doth also manifest its effects most effectually in the following year; yet it may be feared

red that there will be notorious Robberies and Murthers committed in the latter end of that year 1664.

This Conjunction operates most forcibly upon *Spain, Dalmaia, Hungaria, &c.* in which Death or Deposition is signified to some eminent person therein ere the year 1665. be expired.

In the year 1665. and 66. I find in my inquiry very notable configurations or meetings of the Planets, which do abundantly manifest the Conjunctional effects in those years in most parts of the world: For first, the Sun from his place at the first appearance of the new-star, comes to the place of the said Star about the beginning of the year 1665. (if not the latter end of the preceding year) and then to the Conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, the year following; *Mars* and *Jupiter* about the same time to the sextile place of the same Star, and of their own Conjunction; *Venus* to the trine of *Mars* in the latter end of the year 1665, or beginning of sixty six, and the Conjunction of the year 1603. to the trine of the Moon in Autumn of the year 1665. These I say are very notable, and do undoubtedly about those times produce most glorious actions in several parts of the world: Some eminent person comes to greater dignity and renown; those matters signified more especially by the new-star, do now most apparently shew themselves both in matters of Church and State. Some treaties of peace or reconciliations may be conjectured by Inter-marriages, signified by the trine of *Mars* and *Venus*, and some notable conspiracy of the turbulent or seditious multitude discovered and appeased; *Mercury* in this year and about the middle thereof comes also to the Sextile of the Conjunction, in the second of that Figure and in *Aquarius* where he hath dignity, so that from hence the Merchant may expect good returns by his adventures, especially such as deal into the Eastern and South east parts of the world, nor will such as adventure into the south-west have cause to complain of their ill success.

But we are also to observe that there is a partile Eclipse of the Moon, Jan. 20. 1663. in the 12 degree of *Leo*, the ascendent

dent of *Rome*; She is also separated from the opposition of *Jupiter*, and applying to the opposition of *Mars*; this prenotes some molestation by tumults, uproars, and seditions in *Italy*, and more especially in *Rome* it self.

In *March* following, there happens a Conjunction of *Sol* and *Mars* in the 25 of *Pisces*, exactly in square to the place of the *Sun* in the great Conjunction, and the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* 1664. both the *Sun* and *Mars* applying to the Square of *Saturn*; both *Spain* and *Portugal* are herein concerned; the death of some eminent persons are thereby signified, and if Peace between those Princes is not ere this time concluded, it is to be feared the Wars will again break forth greatly to the prejudice of the *Spanish Monarch*.

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But that which is yet very observable, is the configurations of the year 1666. that year so frequently pointed at by the Learned to-be so famous for those eminent Mutations or Transactions then or neer those times to be expected to happen in some parts of the world; but especially in the Church of *Rome*. In this year I finde that *Mars* by direction comes to the place of the great Conjunction, and that about the Spring, or in the moneth of *April* is the meeting of the Significators; the M.C. of that Conjunction to the place of the *Sun*; the Conjunction of this year 1663. may be conjectured about the same time to come to the Opposition of the *Moon*, if we take the distance at noon, about which the Conjunction I believe did happen; the effects of these do chiefly concern the *Spanish Monarchy*, some great alterations and disturbances do happen therein, in some other parts of the world a new Monarchy or mannner of Government is erected, or some eminent person doth then appear, and come to great honour and dignity, beyond former expectation; Insurrections, Tumults and Commotions in *England*, perhaps in *London*; to the destruction of the contrivers thereof.

In *June* there appears a great Eclipse of the *Sun*, above half the *Sun*s body will be obscured; it happens in *Cancer* a Cardinal Sign, and the Ascendent of *Scotland*, *Holland*, *Zealand*, &c. both the Infortunes afflict the Luminaries, having been late-ly

ly in *Quartile* with *Mars*, and applying to the *Opposition* of *Saturn*; these prove very ominous to those places, and among the rest great *Inundations* are threatned in *Holland*; in *Scotland* *Insurrections* and *Rebellions* to be feared; there is also a conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in the 18. deg. of *Capricorn*, in Square to the place of the *Sun* at the *New Star*, and in our present Conjunction, denoting some differences and other detriments to great persons: But seeing therefore that about these times there happen such notable concurrences of the superiour Powers, we may in general conclude, that the accidents signified by the Conjunctions and those other concomitant Configurations, do forcibly manifest themselves about those times especially, so that we then may expect to hear of the most eminent Mutations and Transactions to happen in the several places of the world, from the effects of those Conjunctions: And among the rest it is not to be forgotten, that *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in this year also, do make their first *Sextile Aspect* after their Conjunction, *Saturn* being in the 21. degree of *Capricorn*, *Jupiter* in the same degree of *Pisces*; both Planets are essentially dignified, from whence, notwithstanding the great stirrings and actions then on foot, there will be much endeavouring for Peace and unity in most places of the world; yet *Mars* having lately been in opposition to *Jupiter* by *Retrogradation*, and now applying again by direction to his Opposition, will be prejudiciall to the Religious in many places, and may therefore retard or crosse the designs of the more prudent and judicious, by Contentions, factious Opinions and such like; yet nevertheless there will be a very great compulsion of differences in many places, a more right understanding of those mistakes that have occasioned such disturbances and commotions.

A Sextile of
Sat. and Jup.

Mars, who in the Conjunction applied to the Trine of the Conjunction, so signifying the endeavour of the Martialist, not so much by power as by policy to make peace, and cause a reconciliation and compulsion of differences among the *European Princes* and *Potentates*, especially of *Italy*; he (I say) in the year 1667. comes by direction to the same Trine, and will

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then be very active and stirring to that purpose.

An invisible Eclipse of the Moon i 15 deg. of Sagitt. There is in this year an invisible Eclipse of the Moon in the 15 deg. of *Sagittary*, the same Sign of the Conjunctions and New Star; this Eclipse happens on the 27 of *May*; *Mars* at that time is in opposition thereto, the *Sun* lately in conjunction with *Mars*; God preserve the City of *London* from Fire and Plague, from Combustions and Tumults; and let *Spain* beware of Seditions, War, &c. for these are more particularly concerned in the effects of the Eclipse.

A Quartile of Sat. and Jup. In *June* this year *Saturn* in 0. 26 of *Aquarius* retrograde, is in Square to *Jupiter* (the 18 day) in the same degree and minute of *Taurus*; some small doubts and fears do arise, close consultations about matters political; but the *Sun* applying to the Sextile of *Jupiter*, discovers something in the end, by which some come to great honour and esteem.

A conj. of Jup. and Mars. There is also a little Conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Mars* in the beginning of the year, in the 6 deg. of *Aries*, in Trine to the Conjunction, which doth also put forward the effects of the Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, which doth operate most forcibly in *England*; and indeed, considering also that in the moneth of *November*, there doth not onely happen another Quartile of *Saturn* and *Jup.* from Cardinal Signs, *Jupiter* being in the 27 deg. of *Aries*, directly in opposition to the place of the *Sun* at the time of the Conjunction; the *Sun* then applying to the Sextile (and *Mars* to a Trine) of *Saturn*; but also there happens an Eclipse of the *Moon* (though subterranean) total, in the 9 deg. of *Gemini*, opposite to the Conjunctions of the years 1603. and 1663, and also to the New Star of the year 1604. is in the place of the first appearance of the Comet 1652, &c.

A total Ecl. of Luna.

These are of principall concernment, and as is to be feared will excite some new commorions and disturbances in many places; many dubious counsels are now on foot in most parts of *Europe*; in *England* some Domestick differences among some grand persons, private murmurings and grudgings; the actions of some eminent person somewhat in dislike, for which he himself receives some dispute or loss of some credit thereby; and indeed there is a very notable Congregation of the superiour

perious Planets, which I am constrained to be silent in, which will operate or manifest it self in the latter end of the year 1667. or the beginning of 68. which unexpectedly will cause some private differences, &c. The like might have been observed in the preceding year; But I must forbear.

Anno 1668. the most material Configurations are a third Quartile of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* April 3. in 13 deg. of *Aquarius* and *Taurus*, *Saturn* in Sextile to the Conjunction, *Jupiter* in *Sar.* and *Jup.* Quartile to the place of *Mars*, who beholds both with malevolent aspect.

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An Eclipse of the *Moon*, almost total, May 16. in the 6 deg. of *Sagittary*, the place of the great Conjunction; *Saturn* in Sextile to the Conjunction, *Mars* in the then place of the *Sun*; a conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Novem.* in the 9 deg. of *Aquarius*, the opposite degree of *Mars* at the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*.

A total Ecl. of Luna.

A conj. of *Sar.* and *Mars*.

These, I say, are the principal Configurations for this year; they denote some principal Consultations in remote parts, especially in *Spain* and *Italy*; some new Commotions, or old Breaches not sufficiently reconciled, doe now again break forth.

There is no considerable Direction in this year from either of these preceding eminent Configurations, onely the *Moon* comes to a Trine of the New Star about April, and *Mercury* to the Trine of the *Moon*; the *M.C.* also of that great Conjunction is in this year directed to the body of *Venus*, these may produce good successe to those that travel or adventure by Sea, and may discover some petty counsels or contrivances among the vulgar or common people, and it is very probable some come to great preferment by honourable Marriages, beyond any former expectation. In *August* the 10th. *Saturn* and *Jupiter* make their first Trine in the 9 degr. of *Aquarius* and *Gemini*, *Jupiter* being in opposition to the Conjunctions, and meeting with an opposition of *Mars* neer the same place; some preparations for Peace and Unity, but that many do injure themselves by their own rashness.

In the year 1669, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* come to a Trine Aspect,

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Saturn then in 25 of *Aquarius*, *Jupiter* in *Gemini*; here is again some Treaties of Peace, many Embassies to that purpose in most places of *Europe*; *Saturn* is very strong, *Jupiter* is in his detriment, combust, and in direct opposition to the place of the *Sun* in the great Conjunction; this is a bad configuration for the Jovialists, viz. the prudent Magistrate, and the pious and Orthodox Clergy; a subtil spirit there is in most places about these times, that pretends fair, but deludes many; but *Venus* being so very neer the conjunction of *Jupiter* and trine of *Saturn*, it may be expected that through the many Treaties and Embassies that then will be emitted, there may be a right understanding of the things and matters in the end, though with some difficulty reconciled; and this the rather, forasmuch as it is the third Trine they make, the second happening in *November* the year before, which I forgot to mention, which nevertheless doth manifest its influence in this year 1669.

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But in this year *Mars* comes by direction to the opposite place of the *Moon* in the great Conjunction, and will afflict the people with either a pestilent Disease; or else excite them to Combustion and Tumults; *Spain* suffers much hereby, some Uproars in *London* and other places; for the conjunction of *Jupiter* and *Mars*, and of *Sol* and *Jupiter*, the one in *May*, the other in *June*, both in *Gemini*, opposite to the Sign of the Conjunction, and more especially to the place of the great Conjunction and New Star, these also do portend some disturbances in those places subject to the Signs *Gemini* and *Sagittary*; those seditious and factious effects of the *Moon* and *Mercury* in the Conjunction are now stirred up among the vulgar, and very notable contentions and differences among persons of higher degree.

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About the year 1670, *Mars* comes to the Sextile of the *Moons* being directed from the time of the Conjunction of this year 1663; this intimates, that what was signified by the *Moon* in the Conjunction, viz. disturbances from a factious people; these now are brought to submission, rather by the policy and solicitations of some Martial men, or men of Military

itary command, in what place soever such enormities shall happen to break forth.

In *September* 19. a partile Eclipse of the *Moon* in 6 degree of *Aries*, neer to a Trine of the Conjunctions, puts forward the influence thereof in *England*; the defect being in a bestial Sign, denotes destruction to our smaller Cartel, as Sheep, Hogs, and such like; the place of the *Sun* is neer the degree of *Mars* in the great Conjunction; it threatens detriment to some great Man in *Austria*, or of the *Austrian* Family, and some domestic quarrellings in other places.

In *November* of this year *Saturn* and *Mars* are conjoined in the 2d. degree of *Pisces*, both in Square to *Mercury* now, and to the place of the great Conjunction 1603. from whence ariseth various transactions in those places subject to the Sign, of which they say *Portugal* hath a principal share; it happens upon the 26 day; the *Sun* then is in the 15 degree of *Sagittary*, the place of the New Star, and of this Conjunction; *Anno* 1663. and not much elongated from that of the year 1603. so that whatsoever is hereby signified in particular to those places under the dominion of the Sign, yet much of the influence thereof will manifest themselves in the effects of those Conjunctions; and will certainly prepare and excite the minds of men to various distempers and disturbances; here are many notable consultations in many places of *Europe*, about the settling or retarding and hindering of those approaching evils that are even ready to break forth in the world; but it is to be feared all will not do.

For in the year 1671. is the first opposition of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, which though it happen toward the latter end of the year, yet it is to be feared very notable disturbances will break out before, as it were to prepare matter for the influence of the Opposition. It happens in the 13 degree of *Virgo* and *Pisces*, both Planets in a direct Quartile to the Conjunction; the *Sun* is in Trine to *Saturn*, and Sextile to *Jupiter*, he, viz. Kings, Emperours, and great Potentates, would compose and reconcile the differences; but *Saturn* hath gotten possession of *Jupiter*'s prerogative, and *Jupiter* is in his detriment; there is a private,

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vate, malicious, subtil spirit, that having gotten power and opportunity, will not be satisfied but with the ruines of their adversaries (as they take them to be) though they are men far more just, faithful and prudent than many of themselves, although they have the habit of Religion, or however they may be accounted by these hypocritical incendiaries.

Authors do judge of notable events to happen in those years, wherein there happens an Opposition of Saturn and Jupiter; of the Ancients, *Bonatus, Fol. (mibi) 253.* saith, *That there will be Wars and Contentions, and great detriment to the great men of that Countrey in which Jupiter is; from the great men of that Countrey where Saturn is;* so I understand *Bonatus*; and yet as he saith, those places under the dominion of the Sign Saturn is in, will also suffer great calamities and miseries; Jupiter, as to persons is most afflicted, because in his detriment, but those places subject to the Sign *Pisces*, where Saturn is, will be most afflicted by such calamities as he signifies, viz. Scarcity, Poverty, Depopulations and Ruines of Buildings, and such like. Of our *European* Countreys *Pisces* hath *Portugal* under its dominion, *Rhemes* and *Wormes* in *Germany*, &c. under *Virgo* where Jupiter is, is *Paris*, *Lyons*, *Tholouse*, *Nouaria* in *Italy*, and some Cities in *Poland* and *Denmark*.

Haly's judgement of an Opposition of Saturn and Jupiter is, *Quod significat rixas, lites & contentiones inter homines, &c.* That there will be many strifes and contentions among men; in those years one Nation will go to war with another, and there will be notable divisions among themselves, the people subject to rebell against their Kings and Governours; rich men will suffer much, many of them made equal with the poor, saith *Albuniazar*, the King will depose many out of their Offices and Honours; *Finis strages, & interfectiones*, saith *Cardane Segm. 5. Aphor. 49.* there will be many Slaughters and private Duels, *Inter alios homines qui sunt inferioris gradus quam Reges, unus animabitur contra alium;* one man animated or stirred up against another, among those that are of inferiour degree to Kings. In a word, *Origanus* saith, That *Eo in anno nulla quies cum Jupiter & Saturnus in oppositione sunt, nunquam erunt mentes homi-*

hominum quiescent. In that or those years wherein *Saturn* and *Jupiter* are in opposition, there will be no quiet, for the minds of men cannot rest.

Who lives to see the years of 1671, and 1672. will see and hear of very notable Disturbances, Confusions and Commotions in all or most parts of *Europe*: I say in the year 1672. also, and especially, because this first Opposition is towards the latter end of the year 1671. and there, happening two other Oppositions of the same superior Planets in the following ye. r. the one on the 17 of *Jan.* in the 17 deg. of the same Signs, ♄ & ♃, *Jup.* then not only in his detriment, but also retrograde; *Mars* in the very deg. of the great Conjunction, and within 5 degrees of this Conjunction of the year 1663. (for which we may give 5 moneths) he applies to a Quartile of both Planets, and in this year comes by direction to the Square of *Mercury* in the conjunction, so that those Factions and Disturbances signified by *Mercury* as dispositor of the *Moon*, will undoubtedly very evidently be manifested; Piracies and Robberies in abundance, &c. he (*viz.*) *Mars*, is in Sextile to the *Sun* almost plattick. Good God! will the persecutions and afflictions of the Godly and Religious, that then in many places will be manifested, whether by War, Fire, Sword, Captivities, or whatever, shall these (I say) be countenanced by the power and authority of those places? God forbid: Certainly great Calamities are then portended to all those persons signified by *Jup.* especially, who signifies the Laws and Religions of Nation & Kingdoms, and the Ministers thereof; and after many of those evils have happened, and even then when it may be thought that the fury of those outrages are at a period, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Septemb.* the same year 1672. *die* 11. come a third time to an Opposition, *Saturn* then being retrograde and in opposition to the *Sun*; and *Venus*, who were lately also in conjunction with *Jupiter*; one mischief upon another, more confusion and disturbances; but here the subtilty, hypocrisie and deceit of *Saturn* is opposed by the superiour powers, and the poor, weak, and captivated condition of *Jupiter* something assited and relieved.

Not onely these Oppositions of the superiours, (although they

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they do most forcibly manifest the transactions and the affairs of those times) but there are also other concomitant Configurations of the Celestial Powers, that will also produce notable mutations and accidents in the world.

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Nor is the year 1673. without its action, for the conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* *November* 18. 1672. in 26 degr. of *Pisces*,

Pisces, in square to the *Sun* in the great Conjunction, and the *Sun* now in the very degree of that Conjunction; these also put forward the conjunctional effects, and are of concernment to some eminent persons of *Spain*, *Hungaria*, or *Portugal* in the year 1673. for then doth that Conjunction most forcibly operate and aggravate the differences and disturbances about Religion, and the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church. Among other enormities (I say) these are the chief intents of that malevolent Conjunction.

The *Sun* in the great Conjunction to a square of *Mercury*. \odot ad \square \square in \square discovers some plots and conspiracies, and some pilfering Secretary or Treasurer, pernicious Pamphlets do prejudice the credit of some great man; notorious Robberies in many places, especially South-westward, frequently committed.

But toward the latter end of this year *Saturn* and *Jupiter* to a Sextile of the *Sun* in this Conjunction, denotes the desires of some principal persons, Members of State and Church; their addresses to Kings, Princes, and other Governours & Rulers of Nations, for peace, and for reconciliation of former breaches and tedious calamities that both rich and poor have been afflicted with, who now are ready for, and would be glad of peace.

Anno 1674. upon the 8th of July, *Saturn* and *Mars* make Conjunction in the 28 deg. of *Libra*, the place of the *Sun* in this Conjunction, and in the M.C. of the great Conjunction of the year 1609. This portends to some great persons either death or detriment, especially those (or in those places) under the dominion of the Sign *Libra*, by some domestick differences among themselves, Murthers, Slaughters, and cruel hatred among men generally; the *Sun* is applying to a square of both Planets, which aggravates the evil to persons of high degree.

But towards the later end of the year, the *Moon* to the Trine of the *Sun*, denotes a discovery of some affaires, that for some time have been obscured; Kings and their people do better accord; some are preferred to great honour and dignity in publick affairs beyond expectation, even from low degree; others that have been far more factious, turbulent and untied in mind, do upon this direction become conformable, or more obedient to their Superiours.

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Sextile of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* to the place of the *Sun* in the Conjunction

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In the year 1675, there are very notable meetings of the Planets; for *Mars* about the moneth of *October* comes to the New Star from his place at the great Conjunction; and *Sol* to a square of the said Conjunction it self; here are for a time very notable disturbances among the Kings and Princes of *Europe*, great debates and superlative counsels about ancient Rights and Privileges, much wrangling and discord among great and eminent persons.

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But these things continue not long, for upon the first of *January* 1676. current, these two Planets *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, come to their first Trine after their Oppositions in the 5 deg. of *Taurus* and *Capricorn*; both planets are weak, *Jupiter* in his fall; in their 2d. Trine *June* 4. in 21 deg. *Mars* is in the 27 deg. of *Aries* opposite to the *M. C.* but in Trine to the place of the Sun at the great Conjunction, and lately in Quartile to *Jupiter*, who is this second time retrograde; in *November* die 17. they make a third trine; *Mars* is in the 15 deg. of *Cancer*, applying to the Sextile of *Saturn*, but to the Opposition of *Jupiter*; the Sun is near the degree of the great Conjunction, *Venus* in the 20 of *Libra*, the Cusp of the *M. C.* at the same, applying to the Quartile of *Jupiter*.

These benevolent Aspects of the Superiours, *Saturn* and *Jupiter* would very much excite the minds of men in authority to peace and amity, to a full composure of the most grand differences that are now, or lately have been, but some controversies and difficulties do often intervene, so that the hopes of a Period of those Combustions and molestations that have lately been in several parts of *Europe*, do go on but very slowly, and things are with no small difficulty performed.

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For besides those forementioned malevolent Aspects and Positions of *Mars*, I find also that in this year, and about the moneth of *April*, the Sun is directed to the Square of *Mars* in the Conjunction, which signifies some contentions and debates among the most principal persons concerned in the affairs of Kingdoms; a factious spirit will not suffer matters to be thoroughly performed. But seeing that toward the latter end of the year the Moon comes by direction to the Trine of the

the Sun in the great Conjunction, gives hopes that then (notwithstanding the difficulties and cross transactions intervening) matters will be brought to a better and more peaceable conclusion.

A conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Taurus*, in Opposition to the place of *Mercury*, threatens detriment to the Irish Nation, by factious Confederacies, by notorious Robberies, in Cheats, and such like, by destruction of Buildings by Fires, Combustions and Tumults, which will be most fiercely manifested in the year 1677. and that is all the considerable configurations for our present purpose in general for the year 1677.

But in the year 1678. these two superiour Planets do make two Quartile Aspects, the one *Jan.* 20. in three degr. of *Gemini* and *Pisces*, one in Square, the other in Opposition to the great Conjunction within 5 degrees. The other is a platick Quartile, about the beginning of *Novemb.* *Jupiter* then in the 23 deg. of *Pisces* within half a degree of the Quartile; but then he becomes direct; and happily meets with a Trine of the Sun. There is also in this year, and in the moneth of *July* die 31. a notable conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in the 22 degr. of *Gemini*, viz. in opposition to the New Star, the Ascendent and place of the Sun at the great Conjunction, and not over much elongated from our present Conjunction, and the place of the Moon therein; hence I say, this may also be expected to be a year of very principal action. Here will be notable struggling and debates in many places about Religion, discords among great men, commotion in *Spain*, *Hungaria*; some uproars and disturbances about Religion in *England*, especially in *London*; which will also suffer much by Fires, Slaughters, Sicknesse, and such like evils; factious spirits do now endeavour to promote their ends and interest; and some of the superiour quality and degree do act and aim very highly; matters are carried on generally now with great majesty in many places, &c. with great severity; so that many people do manifest their dislike by murmuring and repining; many are about these times put out of their Offices and Employments; some eminent King and Queen of *Europe* falls out.

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1679.
Sat. and Jup.
in Sextile.

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1680.

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Capric.

Conj. of Sat.
and Mars in
Cancer.

Towards the latter end of the year 1679. viz. 26 Sept. *Saturn* and *Jupiter* come again to a Sextile Aspect; *Saturn* in 9. deg. of *Cancer*, *Jupiter* in the same degree of *Taurus*, *Saturn* in his detriment, *Jupiter* retrograde. And on the 20 of Jan. following they make a second sextile in the same Signs, but in the third deg. thereof. In the first Sextile *Mars* is in the place of *Mercury* in the Conjunction. Lately in Trine to *Saturn*, but in opposition to *Jupiter*. The *Sun* near the M. C. of the great Conjunction and his own place in this of the year 1663. is lately in Square to *Saturn*, *Mercury* applying to his Square, were it not for the private Interests of some fraudulent persons, who fearing lest they should now be called to an account, and the late domestick Controversies of some Grandees, that causes obstructions in the Affairs and Counsels of Nations; The Actions and Consultations of the years 1679. but of 1680. especially, would wholly tend to peace and to reconciliations of differences, and indeed great will be the endeavours of the Superiour powers of Kingdoms and Countries to that purpose, both Ecclesiastical and Civil, many having suffered infinite loss by those calamities that have preceded and would now gladly accept of a Period and Conclusion; *Saturn* in this year is directed into *Capricorn* his own house, it is a Cardinal point, the private Consultations of a subtle Generation is now more fully discovered, things tending to Amity and Peace, many do act more honestly and publickly than formerly: But the affairs of the World are of great and Superlative concernment generally, a great settlement of Matters formerly in debate and doubt. A Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Mars* in *Cancer*, this year in Quartile to the *Sun* in the Conjunction, he being in the seventh of *Virgo* in quartile to the great Conjunction and place of the *Moon* denotes some disturbances in the Northern parts, some Commotions in *Scotland*, Inundations in *Holland*; Notorious Robberies and Seditious Conspiracies in *England*, extraordinary Piracies at Sea.

But although these things may begin to be manifest towards the latter end of the year 1680. yet more manifest in the year 1681. In

In which year there is little else of Concernment as to general Affairs, only the planet *Mars* by direction to the Sextile place of the *Sun* in our present Conjunction shews the Heroick attempt s, and the great Honour and Dignity of some Martia-
 list about those times; especially in *Italy*, the *Alpes*, or some place under the Dominion of the sign *Leo*, who by his great Power, Policy, and Prudence doth mightily sway the Affairs of some *European* Princes to good purpose, or is mightily assistant to their advantage in composing some differences which before they might suffer under, and could not be otherwise concluded among themselves.

1681.

Mars to the
Sextile of Sol.

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The Conclusion.

I Have now done this discourse, and in what is most observable therein, have faithfully (according to my ability) communicated to the world. As to those more particular accidents that might have been discovered, (though of less concernment) the times thereof must be known from the revolutions and other configurations that have any similitude to these more Eminent preceding causes; consideration being had whether those Concordances be from the Figure of Heaven, which do only shew the Accidents of particular places or persons, or among the Planets themselves, which indeed are more universal in their operations.

I have omitted all the Conjunctions of the Inferiour planets, and indeed of the Superiours where they have not some concomitancy with our present subject, as of little concernment therewith; And of all the Eclipses since the year 1672. because of the uncertainty thereof from Argoll's Ephemerides, and the great errors frequently committed in that particular; all which are left (for those years) to the more diligent inquiry of those judicious Artists; that in their Annual Prognostiques shall have occasion to make use thereof.

There are some notable configurations as to the affairs of England, so be deduced from this Conjunction, which are purposely omitted, as having no sufficient warrant to meddle withall, which with some other reasons may be sufficient excuse for my publick Omission; yet that I may not be thought too negligent, know that the years 1666. towards the latter end, and 1667, 68, 72, 74, and 75. do produce very notable Transactions as to the affairs of the Kingdom, but in what nature I forbear; I say those years do most effectually shew the Conjunctional Influences amongst us, seeing that generally it intends more the affairs of other Nations, especially Spain, Italy, France, and Hungary onely: As to what may be Physically observed, I have in several places hinted, and have great cause to fear, do therefore once again premonish you of a great Plague in the year 1665. and pray God divert it.

It is possible there may be some accidents happen that I have not mentioned, which some more curious inquiry may afterwards discover, or perhaps by my own further experience, I may afterwards come to the knowledge of; For according to that of Manilius, lib. 1. Per varios casus, Artem experientia facit, &c. And by the 77 of Rig. Res multæ sunt quæ non videntur ratione naturali esse, effectus quidem, per formas superiorum corporum considerare possumus, habereque eas, si in tempore proprio Investigatæ quæsitæque sint. However let not any carp at me, till they are certain they have or can correct me, Humanum est errare; It is the property of humane nature to err, and nemo vivit sine crimine, no man liveth without committing faults.

We are now arrived to the year 1682. in which happens another Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter, October the 20. in the 20 degree of that Regal sign Leo; There being in the preceding month of Septem. first a Conjunction of Jupiter and Mars, and then of Saturn and Mars in the same sign; And (which is very notable, because unusual) these two superior Planets do make two more Conjunctions in the same sign, the one on the 20. of Jan. following in the 18. degree of Leo; the other the 16 of May in the 16 of the same. But what the portents of those may be, must be the subject of some other discourse and time; This is all that is necessary at present.

Gloria Deo omnibus.

*Finitur Die veneris
Feb. 5. 166½.*

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